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Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.85	3.00	4.30	5.42	7.30
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Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	—	—	9.33	10.20	12.20	1.34	—	—	4.50	6.02	7.50
Taipo ...Dep.	7.15	—	—	9.48	10.33	12.33	1.47	—	—	5.04	6.15	8.03
Taipo Market Dep.	7.20	—	—	9.53	10.37	12.37	1.51	—	—	5.08	6.19	8.07
Fanling ...Dep.	7.30	—	—	10.05	10.47	12.47	2.01	—	—	5.18	6.30	8.17
Sheungshui ..Dep.	7.35	—	9.07	10.10	10.53	12.52	2.06	3.14	—	5.23	6.35	8.21
Shumchun { Arr.	7.41	8.45	9.13	10.18	10.58	12.58	2.12	3.20	3.40	5.29	6.41	8.27
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Sheungshui ..Dep.	7.25	8.12	10.42	—	11.46	3.05	4.45	5.56	—	7.08
Fanling ...Dep.	7.30	8.16	10.47	—	11.50	3.10	4.50	6.00	—	—
Taipo Market Dep.	7.40	8.26	10.57	—	12.01	3.21	5.00	6.10	—	—
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Shatin ...Dep.	7.57	8.44	11.14	—	12.20	3.39	5.17	6.28	—	—
Yeumati ...Dep.	8.11	8.58	11.26	—	12.33	3.51	5.29	6.40	—	—
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IRISH GUNMEN IN LONDON.

TRAFFIC IN REVOLVERS.

SCOTLAND YARD UNEARTH A SMUGGLING CONSPIRACY.

"ARMING THE I.R.A."

The *Evening Standard* learns that a serious view is being taken by Scotland Yard of the trafficking in revolvers and automatic pistols which has been discovered by police investigations in London.

Inquiries by a Pressman established these facts:—

(1) There are 100 Irish gunmen in London employed in illicit trade in revolvers.

(2) There are various dumps where these weapons are stored throughout the Metropolis.

A curious incident led to a number of police discoveries. A workman passing over Westminster Bridge noticed that a parcel dropped from the back of a small van. He shouted to the driver. The van stopped. The workman went to pick up the parcel. The paper wrapping had broken, and the workman saw that the parcel contained revolvers.

His surprise was so manifest that the driver of the van produced an automatic in his right hand and told him to "clear out of it."

The driver spoke with an Irish brogue.

When the police tried to trace the car they found that the number plates were false.

Scotland Yard believe that the Irish gunmen in London, alarmed by the activities of the Special Branch, are changing their revolver dumps.

There is no doubt in the police mind that the weapons are undoubtedly smuggled into London in order to arm companies of the Irish Republican Army.

WHY ARE THEY BEING ARMED?

But the police have not yet found out exactly what plan lies behind this arming of disaffected young Irishmen.

The revolvers are smuggled from the Continent. The smuggling, in the police opinion, is facilitated by the present-day lack of coastguards. Apparently it is a simple matter for smugglers to put out in a motor-boat from Boulogne or some other French port and to land undetected at various parts of the English coast.

One suggested way of dealing with the smuggling of revolvers is revision of the Firearms Act of 1920. It was pointed out that the biggest penalty for carrying firearms is six months' imprisonment unless the charge was taken under Section 7 of the Act.

Before, however, a charge can be brought under this section it has to be proved that a prisoner carried a revolver with intent to kill.

Police officials consider that there should only be two forms of punishment for being in the possession of firearms without a licence—either the "cat" or penal servitude.

Apart from the activities of the Irish gunmen, a considerable illicit trade in revolvers has sprung up since the war among criminal classes.

DUCHESS LEARNS TO FLY.

AMBITION TO QUALIFY AS A PILOT.

The *Daily Express* understands that the Duchess of Bedford, under the tuition of Captain C. D. Barnard, the famous air pilot, is now learning to fly her own machine. She is sixty-two years of age.

The Duchess is already able to control the airplane herself, although she has not made a solo flight. It is understood that she hopes soon to be able to obtain a pilot's certificate.

Captain Barnard is taking the Duchess for instructional flights almost daily from the grounds of Woburn Abbey.

The Duchess last year made a 4,500-mile tour of France, Spain, and North Africa in a machine piloted by Captain C. D. Barnard.

ESCAPE FOR THE PRINCE.

UNHURT AFTER POINT-TO-POINT SOMERSAULT.

RIDING A RESTIVE MARE.

RISELEY (Bedfordshire).

The Prince of Wales had an astonishing escape when riding his hunter Degomme, a spirited mare, in the Brigade of Guards Inter-Regimental Point-to-Point Race here. He was leading the field, and had passed the seventh fence when Degomme made a mistake at the stream.

The Prince went over the mare's head. After the fall he waved his hand and shouted, "It's all right. I am absolutely untouched."

Degomme attempted to leap the water instead of going through, and landed on the soft soil on the far side. Then she floundered.

The Prince kept his seat magnificently, but as he was righting his mount the bridle leathers broke in his hands.

He was thrown in the air, turned a complete somersault, and alighted squarely on his feet on the soft clay of the bank.

A Smile For The Others.

He ran a few yards out of the way of the oncoming pack of riders, 20 yards behind, and as they went by he smiled at them and waved his hand.

Then he shouted: "It's all right. Carry on."

His attendant reached him and asked the Prince, "Are you hurt, sir?"

The Prince answered, "Of course not. I landed squarely on my feet."

Degomme is the mare who carried him to victory in the Welsh Guards' point-to-point races at Tetbury on March 1st. She was restive to-day.

When the Prince emerged from the changing tent before the race he mounted Degomme at once. As he cantered away to the starting post it seemed difficult to keep the mare in the line with the other riders.

Very quickly, however, the Prince mastered her, and he trotted through a gate across two pasture fields to the starting point.

When the race began Degomme carried the Prince well ahead of the rest. The first fence, 200 yards from the start, was taken by the Prince at least half a dozen lengths in advance of everybody.

He took the road and gathered his mount under him beautifully. Nothing seemed likelier than that the Prince was going to run away with the race when he came to the stream.

It was when the horse landed on the far side that the mishap occurred. The Prince was flung clear of the water.

MURDERERS BY LOTS.

ANARCHIST COURT IN PARIS.

PARIS.

Italian Anarchists, driven from Italy and Sicily by the energy of Signor Mussolini, have set up Anarchist courts in Paris which are believed to be at the back of the recent series of murders of Italian patriots here.

Investigations into the murder of Signor Savorelli, who was shot dead in the home of one of his friends, Signor Serrachioni, for whom he apparently was mistaken, has revealed that three Italian Anarchists who are in flight were concerned in the crime.

All three disappeared from their homes on the day following the crime and they are believed to be hiding with other Anarchists either in France or Belgium.

The crime, it is stated, was decided on by an Anarchist court sitting in Paris. This court, secretly deliberating in the manner of the Sicilian Mafia, ordered that Signor Serrachioni was to be executed. Lots were drawn to determine who should carry out the sentence and the man to whom the lot fell was told by his fellow-conspirators that if he did not carry out his instructions he would be put out of the way.

More than a dozen murders of Italian Fascists by Anarchists have taken place during the past few months, including the murder of the Italian Consul at his office in Paris.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.
(April 21st.)

Fanling Hunt: Col. Hayley Bell's Hunt Ride. Meet Sheung Shui Police Station, 2.45 p.m.

St. Peter's Club Marathon Race, 3 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Gay Retreat."

World Theatre: "A Man's Past."

Star Theatre: "The Honeymoon Express."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.

"Cheer 'O" Social, 7.30 p.m.

Principal Mails: — Outward: Europe *vid* Marseilles (*Suwa Maru*), 9.30 a.m.; Europe *vid* Siberia (*Orestes*), 3.30 p.m.

Sunday.
(April 22nd.)

Golf: Final Junior Sec. Championship.

Fanling Hunt: Meet Mr. Potts Bungalow, 7 a.m.

Portugese Coy Fire Part I. Table T at Stonecutters.

"Contra Dance"—Display, Club de Recreio, 9 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Quarterback," 2.30, 5.10 and 7.15.

World Theatre: "The Big Parade," 2.30, 6.30 and 9.15.

Star Theatre: "Wild Beauty," 2.30 to 8.30.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30.

"Cheer 'O." Music, 7.30 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe *vid* Negapatam, papers only (*Hatipara*).

Monday.
(April 23rd.)

St. George's Day.

Extraordinary General Meeting China Light and Power Co., 11 a.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Quarterback," 2.30, 5.10 and 7.15.

World Theatre: "The Big Parade," 2.30, 6.30 and 9.15.

Star Theatre: "Wild Beauty," 2.30 to 8.30.

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Intertainment to H.K. Garrison by Society of St. George.

Principal Mails: — Outward: Europe *vid* Siberia (*Kitano Maru*), 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday.
(April 24th.)

Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club 2nd XI. *v.* K.C.S.B., R.N.U.S.C. ground, 5 p.m.

China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd. annual meeting, noon.

Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting, 4 p.m.

St. Peter's Club Extraordinary Meeting, 8.30 p.m.

South China Command Sports, Sookunpoo, 1st day.

The Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce lays foundation stone of new wing Morrison Hall.

Queen's Theatre: "Everybody's Acting."

World Theatre: "The Big Parade," 2.30, 6.30 and 9.15.

Star Theatre: "The General."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.

Principal Mails: — Outward: Europe *vid* Marseilles (*Andre Lebon*), 3 p.m.; Outward: Europe *vid* San Francisco and *vid* Siberia (*President Jackson*), 9.45 a.m.

Wednesday.
(April 25th.)

Fanling Hunt: Meet at Stables, 3 p.m.

S. China Command Sports, Sookunpoo, 2nd day.

Lecture at University by H.E. the Governor on "Elements in an analysis of Thought and its activities," 5 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Everybody's Acting."

World Theatre: "The Big Parade," 2.30, 6.30 and 9.15.

Star Theatre: "The General."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.

Thursday.
(April 26th.)

Queen's Theatre: "The Cohens and Kelly's in Paris."

World Theatre: "The Big Parade."

Star Theatre: "Footloose Widows."

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INFINITY AT CARDS.

NO CHANCE OF REPEATING HANDS.

[By HUGH ELLIOT.]

In this article I propose to take my readers far away from the hot and dusty atmosphere of controversy into the chilly and rarefied atmosphere of higher mathematics.

Has it occured to many readers to wonder how it is that all the variations of bridge can be produced from a pack of 52 cards, dealt into four lots of 13? Why is it that we never hold, and never even see, any hand repeated twice? We see *similar* hands, but never *identical* hands.

The fact is that the number of different possible hands is inconceivably great: in short, about 635 thousand million. A very energetic bridge-player might perhaps play 20,000 hands a year. If he played at this high rate for over 30 years continuously he would have held less than one-millionth of the total possible hands: and if he then dealt himself a fresh hand it would be more than a million to one that it was different from any that he had held in the previous 30 years. So vast is the number of combinations that can be made with 13 cards, dealt from a pack of 52.

Of this vast number of hands there are always one or two that have excited particular interest: those are hands which consist entirely of one suit—as, for instance, 13 spades. It is often not realised that this particular hand is just as probable as any other named hand.

If He Played For 30,000 Years.

It is one hand of the 635 thousand million and as likely to turn up as any other that one wrote down in advance. But, reverting to our thirty-year bridge player, it would be a good bet, to lay him a million to one that he had never held it. If he played for 30,000 years it would be enormously improbable that he ever held it. He might play for 30 million years and never hold it. He would probably be overtaken by the next Ice Age long before he held a hand of 13 spades.

Seeing the large number of bridge players that there are in the world, however, it is quite possible that this hand may occasionally have turned up: still more, that a hand may turn up containing one or other of the four suit entire. No one of us is likely ever to see it, but it may happen. When, however, we are told of cases in which each of the four players held one entire suit, we are up against an almost infinitely higher order of improbability.

I shall not attempt to write down the figures representing the odds against this: for they convey no meaning, and this column is too narrow to get them in. Such a distribution is so incredible that for practical purposes it may be regarded as impossible. Yet so-called "well-authenticated" cases are on record. One or two have been sent to me with a view to publication, and they have all found their way into the waste-paper basket.

Hallucination.

There are many possible explanations; either the cards were not shuffled, or a practical joker was at work, or it was a case of intentional fraud, or the players suffered under a hallucination (which, by the way, probably happens to everyone occasionally in the course of their lives), or they had been dining, not wisely, but too well.

The most improbable of all these explanations is almost infinitely more probable than that the actual event occurred. Indeed, however high we put the value of human testimony, the chance is still countless millions to one that the testimony was false or mistaken rather than that the actual event occurred. These remarks, of course, only apply when the cards have been properly shuffled. If not shuffled they may easily come out in suits, as happens in the "goulashes" of contract bridge.

While everyone may feel perfectly assured that they will never hold a hand with thirteen cards of a suit, they may feel a strong degree of confidence that they will never even hold twelve. The vast majority of players have never either seen or held as many as eleven of a suit: and this is an extreme rarity (about 2¾ millions to 1 against)—the sort of thing that may occur in a card-room once in several years. Ten of a suit is the most that any bridge-player can even expect to hold, and that only at very long intervals, if at all.

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The only avenues not fitted with lights are those impeded by the elevated railway tracks, or those in which subways are under construction. When the new subways are completed these arteries will be added to the rest now under control.

All the lights on one avenue change at the same time for the full length of the avenue and some parallel avenues a short distance apart, such as Fifty-avenue and Madison-avenue, change the lights at the same time.

Police Commissioner Warren tells me that he feels that the New York light system is the best that could be devised at this time and that it has speeded up traffic materially. Mr. Philip Hoyt, his Deputy Commissioner in charge of traffic, estimates that the present system saves the city the need of 5,000 additional traffic policemen, although the light system by no means abolishes the need for personal guidance of the traffic.

The amber caution light, used for the benefit of pedestrians when the light system was first introduced, has been abolished. Commissioner Hoyt explained: "It appeared to lead to accidents, since the stopped traffic took it as a signal to proceed while moving traffic regarded it as permission to continue for a few seconds more."

Experiments are now being conducted, he added, to determine if it will be wise to flash red lights to all directions for a few seconds on the change of lights in order to bring all traffic to a stop for the change.

Brooklyn's "Wave" Plan.

Commissioner Hoyt has recently introduced into Brooklyn a system of "wave" regulated lights. Concerning them he explained: "This system is designed to allow an automobile to proceed the whole length of an avenue at a given speed without ever being forced to halt by the red lights for cross traffic. The system is now in use on some streets of Washington and Chicago, and has been highly approved by their Police Departments. Under its traffic regulations only one section of the avenue is stopped at one time, so that a car approaching this section finds the light changed to green when it reaches that point if it travels at normal speed."

Commissioner Hoyt is doubtful whether this system would work in Manhattan, because of the congested streets and short block between intersections. Various experiments led to the adoption of the length periods used in New York, where only one avenue, with virtually no cross-town traffic, keeps its green light open for a full three minutes, but he heartily endorced the system of signal lights for any modern city, and explained that virtually every American city now moves its traffic in this way.

WHAT DYSPEPTICS SHOULD EAT.

STRICT DIETS UNNECESSARY.

It is a well-known fact that some foods have a greater tendency than others to cause indigestion, and that by limiting one's diet to certain tasteless, unappetising foods, stomach troubles can sometimes be overcome. Nine times out of ten, however, indigestion is due to excess acid and food fermentation. Instead, therefore, of going on starvation diets, stomach sufferers can eat what they like if they will only get rid of the excess acid and stop the fermentation. To do this quickly, safely, and surely, take a little 'Bisurated' Magnesia right after eating or whenever pain is felt. This instantly neutralises the acid, stops the food fermentation, and heals the inflamed stomach lining. Get a package of 'Bisurated' Magnesia (either powder or tablets) from your chemist to-day; use as directed, and you can eat what you like without fear of pain or discomfort to follow.

MURDERED BANK CASHIER.

DETECTIVES AND SHOWER OF 10s. NOTES.

MOTHER-IN-LAW'S TEARS IN COURT.

The hearing of the charge against Norman Elliott, aged 23, an attendant at the Durham County Asylum, Sedgefield, of having murdered Wm. Byland Abbey, aged 31, cashier in the Ferryhill branch of Lloyds Bank, on February 16th, was resumed at Durham.

P.C. Greaves said that he found Abbey about 3.10 p.m. in the bank bleeding from a wound in the neck. Abbey said, "A tall man did it."

Gladys Turner, an omnibus conductress, said that a man entered her omnibus at Metal Bridge about 3.50 p.m. on February 16th. The omnibus had left Ferryhill at 3.40.

She had seen the man at Ferryhill omnibus stand at 2.25 that day. He had travelled in her omnibus many times and had told her he was an attendant at the asylum. He was tall, and was the man in the dock.

Elliott's mother-in-law, Mrs. Edith Jane Callan, of the Turk's Head Inn, Kelloe, said that when he left her house on February 16th he was wearing a light tweed suit and a light cap and carried a brown overcoat over his arm.

"I Would Rather Not."

Asked if she could now identify that clothing, Mrs. Callan burst into tears and said, "I would rather not, if you don't mind."

Accordingly she was not called on to identify the clothing.

When Elliott returned to her house, where he was living with her daughter, whom he married last January, he was "not dressed the same," Mrs. Callan continued.

The head laundress of Sedgefield Asylum stated that in a parcel of clothing received from Elliott for washing on February 17th was a shirt which had bloodstains on it.

Edward Peele, an assistant at a shop at Stockton, stated that Elliott called on February 17th and asked for a ready-made suit, saying he wanted it in a hurry. He could not fit him.

He said to Elliott, "That is a terrible affair at Ferryhill." Elliott replied, "Yes, awful. We have some bad ones in yonder (meaning the asylum), but none bad enough to do that."

Detective-Inspector Walker said that in a locked drawer in Elliott's room he found £83 in 10s. notes concealed in the folds of a blanket. When he shook the blanket there was a shower of notes.

Superintendent Foster stated that when arrested Elliott had in his possession £145 11s. 9d.

Elliott, who pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence, was committed for trial at the Durham Assizes.

GRAND DUCHESS IN SOAP BUSINESS.

ON THE BOARD OF A NEW COMPANY.

The Grand Duchess Marie of Russia is one of the directors of a company just registered under the title "Kitmir Limited," with offices in Chancery-lane.

It is stated that the purpose of the company is "to carry on the business of manufacturers of and dealers in perfumes, soaps, and toilet requisites."

The Grand Duchess is a daughter of the Grand Duke Paul, and a cousin of the late Czar. She fled to England during the revolution in Russia, in which her husband was killed. Since then she has conducted a dressmaking business in London and a studio in Paris, known as "Kitmir," where Russian refugees made embroidery.

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Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£34½ nom.
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P. & O. Bank	£9½ nom.
East Asia Bank	$76 buy.
Canton Insurance	$680 buy.
Union Insurance	$341 buy.
North China Ins.	Tls. 140 nom.
Yangtsze Insurance	M. $47 buy.
China Underwriters	$3½ buy.
China Fire Insurance	$215 nom.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	$760 buy.
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Do. (Def.)	$74 buy.
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Benguets	$2½ nom.
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Tronoh Mines	17/6 nom.
H.K. & K. Wharfs	$136 buy., 138½ sel.
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China Providents	$6.15 buy.
Hongkews	Tls. 166 buy.
New Engineerings	Tls. 4.80 nom.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 109 sel.
Ewo Cottons	Tls. 8½ buy.
Orientals Cottons	Tls. 1.90 buy.
S'hai. Cottons (old)	Tls. 55 nom.
Do. (new)	Tls. 29 nom.
H.K. & S. Hotels	$9/9.10 sa.
H.K. Lands	$67 buy., 67½/68 sa.
Shanghai Lands	Tls. 140 buy.
Humphreys Estates	$14½ nom.
H.K. Realties	$8½ buy., 8½ sel.
H.K. Territorials	—
H.K. Tramways	$25.60 nom.
Peak Trams (old)	$13½ buy.
Do. (new)	$8 buy.
Star Ferries	$64½ sel., 64/64½ sa.
China Lights (comb.)	—
Do. (old)	$13½ sel.
Do. (new)	$13.35 sel.
H.K. Electrics	$71 buy. & sa.
Macao Electrics	$26½ buy.
Telephones	$4.70 buy.
China Bases	Tls. 7½ buy.
Singapore Tractions	11/9 nom.
China Sugars	$6.10 nom.
Malabon Sugars	$24½ nom.
Canton Ices	$4 nom.
Cements (combined)	$10½ nom.
Do. (old)	$10 nom.
Do. (new)	$2 sel.
H.K. Ropes (old)	$7½ buy.
Do. (new)	$3 nom.
United Asbestos	$10 sel.
Dairy Farms	$22.90 buy., 22.80/.90 sa.
Watsons	$14 buy.
Der A. Wings	$0.50 nom.
Lane Crawfords	$34½ buy.
Mackintoshs	$22 sel.
Sincere's	$10 buy.
Wm. Powells	$3 sel.
H.K. Amusements	$29½ sel.
H.K. Constructions	$1¼ nom.
B'que. Indus. G. $ Bonds	62% buy.
H.K. Govt. Loans	12% prem. sel.

buy.—buyers; sel.—sellers; sa.—sales; nom.—nominal.

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Geneva	25.33
Amsterdam	12.10½
Milan	92.55
Berlin	20.42
Stockholm	18.18
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.24
Vienna	34.72½
Prague	164¾
Helsingfors	194
Madrid	29.12½
Lisbon	2½
Athens	375½
Bucharest	779½
Rio	5.56/64
Buenos Aires	47.13/16
Bombay	1/5.31/32
Yokohama	1/11.13/32
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CHINESE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

DINNER TO EUROPEAN PRACTITIONERS.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR'S INTEREST IN MEDICAL WORK.

A LINK IN THE CHAIN OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP.

The Chinese medical fraternity was the host at a dinner party given last night at the South China Restaurant to the British Medical Association and other guests. The guest of honour was His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi, who in his speech showed that he is at all times a keen and sympathetic supporter of medical science.

Practically all the doctors in the Colony were present and many speeches were made. Dr. Li Shu Fan made an enthusiastic plea for support to found a sanitorium for tubercular patients. He said that this form of disease was most prevalent in the Colony. Tuberculosis could be cured if dealt with at an early stage, and in a sanatorium the patients could be segregated and receive expert attention.

In welcoming the guests, Dr. Jeu Hawk, President of the Chinese Medical Association, said that on behalf of the Chinese medical practitioners and the Chinese Medical Association, he would extend a cordial and hearty welcome. The occasion was especially a privileged one through the high honour paid to the Chinese Medical Association by the presence of H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi.

His Excellency was most loved by the Chinese and wherever the speaker went, he heard nothing but praise coming from the lips of the Chinese. His Excellency had also acquitted himself most nobly during those days of anxiety, and it was the fervent wish of the Chinese to see His Excellency with them for a long period. They all sincerely wished that His Majesty the King would extend His Excellency's stay in the Colony.

Closer Co-Operation.

Dr. Li Shu Fan, who proposed the toast of the guests, said he hoped the gathering would be the welding of an important link in the chain binding them into closer co-operation and into a united professional brotherhood. This was the first occasion on which they had had the pleasure of welcoming H.E. the Governor and he hoped that the occasion would be the forerunner of many others to come. He thought he was voicing the opinion of his colleagues in saying that they took His Excellency's presence as a sure sign of his keen interest in the profession as well as in the general community which they served.

Continuing, Dr. Li said he did not need to take the occasion as proof of His Excellency's love for the Chinese people. No one knew better than themselves the high opinion the Chinese had of His Excellency and the high esteem in which they held him.

Medical Mecca.

Referring to the medical profession in Hong Kong, he said that in the adjoining province there were 30,000,000 people while there were important cities along the coast. He thought by co-operation amongst them all Hong Kong could be made into the medical Mecca of this part of Asia. He could not think of a better advertisement for Hong Kong or of a better means of extending to their neighbours the benefits of medical science.

Dr. Li referred to the medical services in the local Chinese hospitals and said that with all due respect to the good work being carried on there, the Association was of the opinion that the medical services in some of the hospitals were entirely inadequate. He thought the provision of a full time European medical officer would result in a great improvement. He thought they should follow the example of the modern hospitals in England, where the medical services were divided into departments.

In Hong Kong there was a sufficient number of men to associate themselves in the honorary capacity of visiting or consulting physicians on the staff. It was impossible for one man to be proficient in every branch of the field of medical science.

Quack Doctors.

Dr. Li also spoke on the question of Chinese representation on the Medical Board and the Midwives' Board. In view of the great number of practitioners in the Colony the Association thought that the interest of doctors would be greater and the co-operation more effective if they were privileged to nominate members of these Boards. Dr. Li referred to the quack doctor advertisements in the Chinese Press and said that as a result people believed that certain diseases could be cured by means advocated by the quacks, and went to them, only to go in the long run to a proper practitioner.

Sanatorium Wanted.

Referring to the question of tuberculosis he said it was accepted by them all that it was unusually prevalent in Hong Kong. He believed that at one time no less that 20 per cent. of the patients of Chinese practitioners were suffering from tuberculosis of the lungs. He asked what was best to be done in this matter. He was sure that they would agree it was a big problem. Education of the public, of course, was a prime necessity and he was glad to know that hygiene was being taught in local schools.

Dr. Li said he thought there was an opportunity for some worthy philanthropist to interest himself in the establishment of a tuberculosis dispensary and clinic, connected with a sanitorium. Many of their hospitals had literally shut their doors against tubercular patients but he knew of two that were accepting them. The latter realised that that was not the proper place. In one of the hospitals of the total number of tubercular patients three quarters of them died. If the patients stayed in their homes they infected others: in a sanatorium they could be segregated and they would receive expert care. Practitioners now realised that tuberculosis was a curable disease provided it was taken in its early stages. Dr. Li closed with a plea that he hoped something would be done in this direction.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

THE BATTLE OF SCIENCE AND SUPERSTITION.

H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., spoke as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—I feel that it is a great privilege to have this opportunity of addressing a gathering representative of Chinese as well as European doctors, trained in western medicine, for I know of no more influential element in modern society than the medical men. You are not only consulted and entrusted with confidences as intimate as those of the confessional, but you also have unusual opportunities for observing the private and family life of many of your patients. You are the apostles of public health and cleanliness: and your professional work constantly reminds you of the interdependence between clean living and good health. Cleanliness, it has been well said, it next to godliness; and, as custodians of public health, you are also to no small extent the guardians of public morality. Your daily experience teaches you the importance of preserving the purity of family life, the need for proper care of the expectant mother, for adequate maternity wards, for right treatment of infants and due discipline of children, for preventing the evils of overcrowding, for satisfactory housing and town-planning schemes, for a good water supply and efficient sewage disposal, for facilities for athletic exercise, for the reservation of public parks, and in a word for thoughtful and scientific provision for the social welfare of the whole community in which you live.

The Worst Enemy Superstition.

Your worst enemy is superstition. It was against superstition that the Hippocratic school waged a determined battle more than two thousand years ago. It was before superstition that Graeco-Roman medical science went down in the dark ages of what we call mediæval history. It was against superstition that each protagonist of modern medical science had to fight when, after the dark ages, the scientific spirit was reborn in Western Europe.

And is medical science even now secure from the attacks of superstition? Are you not assailed from within by charlatans and quacks each promulgating that most dangerous form of lie which is half a truth, or shall I say, exaggerating into falsehood, that grain of true doctrine which they believe themselves to have discovered? Is there not also the attack from without by (for example) Ayurvedic medicine in India and Ceylon and by irrational folk-beliefs in China and elsewhere? Are there not still professors of Obi and other forms of black magic in Africa and the West Indies? Is not family life itself, the very foundation on which the public health of every community must be built, now being undermined over a wide portion of the globe by that malignant and dangerous superstition which is known as communism?

"The Test Of Reason."

Against all these superstitions there stands forth as champion the scientific spirit which says in Huxley's words—"A man shall not say he knows or believes what he has no scientific ground for professing to know or believe." This scientific spirit is not the private and particular possession of any one race, any one nation, or any one continent. It is a world-wide possession of humanity. The man of science will not believe one doctrine rather than another merely because it is traditional in his own country or was invented by his own people. Likewise it is entirely wrong for medical men to practise Ayurvedic medicine merely because they happen to be Indians or Chinese medicine merely because they happen to be Chinese. It is the duty of every medical man to put his medical beliefs to the test, not of nationality, but of reason: and it is the duty not only of medical man but of all men of good will to combine in the resistance offered throughout the world by reason to superstition. I am, therefore, delighted to see that here in Hong Kong there is close co-operation and friendship between the Hong Kong Chinese Medical Association and the Hong Kong Branch of the British Medical Association. I am glad to be present at a dinner such as this, where the one Association is the guest of the other. And I am confident that this spirit of scientific co-operation in medical matters will be of immense benefit not only to the public health, but also to the moral and social welfare, of this Colony and indeed of South China as well.

On behalf of the guests I thank you very cordially for your most courteous and kind entertainment and for the very pleasant evening which we have spent with you.

Local Hospitals.

His Excellency the Governor also referred to the points raised by Dr. Li, and said that in regard to the Tung Wah hospital and the Kwong Wah hospital it should be remembered that the two institutions were created by the Chinese and they were run by an efficient committee elected by the Chinese community. It would therefore be very wrong for him to commit himself to any statement regarding the policy of these hospitals until he had had a full opportunity of going into the question, and also of consulting the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, and the Secretary for Chinese Affairs with regard to a possibility of an increase in the efficiency of the institutions.

With regard to Chinese representation of the Medical Board and the Midwives' Board there again he would have to consult the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services before giving his views on the matter. He thought it would be very desirable if on both the boards there were representatives nominated by the British Medical Association and the Chinese Medical Association.

Worst Enemy To Health.

Speaking on the subject of tuberculosis, His Excellency pointed out that he had previously said it was the worst enemy of public health in the Colony. He could not profess to have any policy to announce which would be a remedy. Two preventatives were town planning and no overcrowding. While overcrowding continues, tuberculosis would always be with us.

Only by good town planning could the danger be removed. In this regard there was more hope for Kowloon where there was a town planning scheme and where wide roads were being made, than in Hong Kong. He thought that in years to come if Kowloon became a great city, perhaps even greater than Victoria, then the public health would be very well cared for.

With regard to a sanitorium as proposed by Dr. Li he could not help wondering whether the climate of Hong Kong rendered the Colony the best place for such an institution, and whether some other place like Weihaiwei would not be more suitable. The question of tuberculosis was not one for the consideration of Hong Kong only. It was not localised but also extended to Canton, and it was only by the co-operation of the two Governments that a solution could be reached.

The B.M.A.

In proposing a toast for the British Medical Association, Dr. Phoon Seck Wah said: "It is not often that we have such a large gathering of doctors under one roof. I want to refute the suggestion that there has been an epidemic of illness in the Colony and that the doctors have made so much money that they are celebrating the event to-night.

But we are not bent on felonious intent as the lawyers would say, we are not meeting in secret conclave to conspire to raise our fees—however much overdue that problem may have been, we have come for a different purpose.

Looking back at it all now, it is surprising to see what a gulf existed between the Chinese practitioners and their Western brethren in the profession some years ago. One would have thought that as members of the same profession there would have been objects and sympathies in common out of which social contact could have been easily established. To put it shortly but euphemistically the social relation between the various groups of practitioners was not even warm enough to melt an ice cream."

Remove Misunderstanding.

Dr. Phoon went on to say that if there was anything that had been responsible for the tragedies in the affairs of men, it was misunderstanding, and that misunderstanding throve on ignorance and prejudice.

The speaker then said that an evening such as this, spent in a pleasant atmosphere of friendliness, would do much to wipe away misunderstanding. He hoped that this auspicious occasion would be the forerunner of many more to come and that the British Medical Association would co-operate with Chinese medical practitioners to spread the light of health in this Colony.

Beneficial To The Colony.

Replying Dr. S. S. Strahan said that he would first of all have to thank the Chinese Medical Association for their kind hospitality. As medical men, he thought their hosts would have prepared the dishes in such a way that one course would give immunity to the other, but he found the reverse. Whatever his colleagues would have to say about the sumptious meal the next day, he felt a full clinical report would not cover their complaints.

Dr. Strahan then in a few well chosen words said that the British Medical Association are not here to maintain their rights but to uphold the standard of western medicine. He also felt sure that co-operation with the Chinese practitioners would be most beneficial to the Colony.

Co-Operation.

Dr. W. V. M. Koch, toasting the Chinese Medical Association said that among the many hosts present, he was with friends as most of them were in the Hong Kong University when he was attached to medical faculty there. Since he left he saw several of his students passed out. He thought that they would strike out to the four corners of China and instal western medical science there, but he found instead that they are all here, sticking close to the alma mater.

Dr. Koch said that he felt sure that the Colony would greatly benefit by it if the British and Chinese doctors were to work together on a co-ordinated line.

The Chinese Practitioner.

Replying to Dr. Koch, Dr. Phoon Seck Weng said that the sentiments expressed had convinced him that the Chinese Medical Association would always have the support and goodwill of the British Medical Association. The chief aim of the Chinese Association was to foster the scientific spirit, to promote social intercourse and to encourage public service.

Dr. Phoon felt sure that in a Colony like this where the major part of the inhabitants were Chinese, the Chinese doctors would be most useful in carrying reforms among their own countrymen. To remove the susceptibilities and superstitions of the Chinese and to educate them into accepting Western medical science, a Chinese doctor would be most useful, he added.

(Continued on next Column.)

BIG RAILWAY SCHEME.

CONCESSION TO U.S. AND GERMANY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TEHERAN, April 19th.

The Mejliss (Parliament) has passed the Bill granting to an American firm and a German combine, the railway survey from Bandargaz (Caspian Sea) to Mohammerah (Persian Gulf) with the construction of 93 miles as a trial section and an option to construct the entire line, which will pass Hamadan, and Dizful.

COMMUNIST SUSPECT'S SUICIDE.

IMPORTANT MEN ARRESTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HELSINGFORS, April 19th.

One of the Communist leaders arrested during the Police round-up yesterday, a man named Vilhunen, has committed suicide by poisoning himself.

Thirty Communists are now in custody and the Police continue to make arrests. The prisoners include most of the Communist Party's salaried officials, two members of the Diet, and several journalists.

FRENCH COMMUNIST CAUGHT.

M. DORIOT ARRESTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, April 19th.

The French Communist deputy, M. Doriot, whose sentence was increased in his absence to three years' imprisonment, for his revolutionary activities in China and Indo-China last year, was arrested to-day at Valencienne as he was leaving an election meeting.

THE HOSTS.

The Hosts were:—Dr. Jeu Hawk, Dr. Chau Wai Cheung, Dr. Phoon Seck Wing, Dr. K. C. Cheng, Dr. L. S. Shin, Dr. Y. Y. Lee, Dr. Li Ping Sum, Dr. Phoon Seck Wah, Dr. T. P. Woo, Dr. L. H. Hoshing, Dr. Y. S. Chung, Dr. S. F. Li, Dr. Li Sung, Dr. C. C. Wang, Dr. S. S. Mah, Dr. K. L. Kwan, Dr. Maluk, Dr. C. K. Ma, Dr. T. M. Tsoi, Dr. S. N. Chau, Dr. C. W. Ho, Dr. B. C. Wong, Dr. F. I. Tseung, Dr. T. C. Wong, Dr. Mok Tai Tin, Dr. S. Ho Asjoe, Dr. K. K. Wong, Dr. K. W. Ip, Dr. Tsang Fuk Cho, Dr. Wong Siu Ngok, Dr. K. S. Shin, Dr. C. S. Chiu, Dr. Fok Wing Kan, Dr. Ho Ko Tsun, Dr. R. J. Wong, Dr. Y. S. Wan, Dr. Ying Wan, Dr. S. C. Au, Dr. Chiu Hin Yieng, Dr. Ko King Fan, Dr. Y. Y. Tang, Dr. Y. K. To, Dr. Li Tso Yiu, Dr. S. A. M. Sepher, Dr. W. T. Cheung, Prof. C. Y. Wang, Dr. S. C. Ho, Dr. K. Y. Li.

THE GUESTS.

The guests were:—H.E. The Governor, The Aide-de-Camp, Dr. W. W. Hornell, Dr. J. Anderson, Dr. F. R. Ashton, Dr. G. E. Aubrey, Dr. H. Balean, Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, Dr. F. Bunje, Dr. Dr. A. Cannon, Dr. J. R. Craig, Dr. K. H. Digby, Dr. J. E. Dovey, Dr. J. Durran, Dr. J. P. Fehily, Dr. B. H. Mellon, Dr. G. M. Harston, Dr. E. W. Kirk, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. W. B. A. Moore, Dr. M. O. Pfister, Dr. G. W. Pope, Dr. J. H. Sanders, Dr. J. L. Shellshear, Dr. J. A. Smally, Dr. S. S. Strahan, Dr. A. Sydenham, Dr. R. E. Tottenham, Dr. T. W. Ware, Dr. W. K. Dunscombe, Dr. B. de Sousa, Dr. H. G. Earle, Dr. Jur. W. Wagner, Major R. Lucas, R.A.M.C., Major W. B. Stevenson, Major J. P. Lynch, Surg.-Comm. P. L. Gibson, Dr. D. K. Sammy, M.D., Dr. E. L. de Sousa, Wong Kam Fuk, Tsoi Hing, Ho Kam Tong, Wong Kwong Tim, T'so Sien Wan, Li Cho Chi, Prof. Gualdi, Representative of *S.-C. Morning Post*, S. H. Yung, Mr. Peter Bau, Representative of *Daily Press*.

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COST OF LIVING IN SHANGHAI.

COMPARISONS OF RECENT YEARS.

INCREASE IN SMALL HOUSE RENTS.

HOW PRICES FOR CHINESE HIT EVERYBODY.

SHANGHAI, April 16th.

The high cost of living is a perennial which blooms with increasing hardihood in the average man's garden. In this respect, Shanghai is not an exception to the general rule, as is shown in a recent survey of how much less one's dollar is capable of buying than formerly.

Things making the largest inroads into the monthly income, according to the average Shanghai resident, are rents, provisions and clothes. Everything else can roughly be lumped under the heading of miscellaneous.

With rents as a starting point, it will be found that the high level maintained at present is an indication of changing, and changed, Shanghai. Five years ago, for example, economy did not mean moving into a small house as the initial attempt. In illustrating the truth of this statement by local estate agents, one has only to point to the popularity of the small house and of apartments, throughout Shanghai at the present time.

Small House Dearest.

As soon as a hint of trade depression is in the wind the house-holder decides that it would be better to find quarters to take the place equally well of the spacious high-ceilinged residence reminiscent of the tropics, which connoted Shanghai of the past. The questions of coal, servants and general upkeep enter into this decision and the small house wins easily.

But the economic inevitabilities are set in motion forthwith and the demand for the desired article makes it costly. Thus it is that during the past five years, small houses suitable for foreign residences have increased in their rentals from 10 to 15 per cent.

The Inner Man.

Getting into the field of "provisions," it is pointed out by Shanghai importers of foreign brands that price fluctuation has depended considerably upon exchange rates and upon the duties. The greatest increase in these prices came just after the war, and, we have it on the authority of Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co., whose provision department is well known to the Shanghai householder, that the peak of high prices in recent years was reached in 1926. In the past two years the tendency has been to decline except for specific items.

Another interesting aspect in the high cost of attending to the inner man is the growing prevalence of compradore shops where fresh vegetables and certified meat can be bought. The "middle man" is represented by these shops, and, whereas it was once the cook's pleasure to go to market for cooking vegetables, he now goes to the nearest compradore shop as a rule, and the bills respond accordingly.

The Rice Bowl.

The question of the Chinese "rice bowl" must be considered also in relation to foreign and Chinese food prices. "Tell me what the coolie pays for his rice and I will tell you all about labour troubles and the business depression which comes from them." This might well be an adage of the Criminal Intelligence Department of the Shanghai Municipal Police.

Records show that the fluctuation of rice prices in the past has had serious results, and has caused much unrest in Shanghai. In January, 1920, rice was $8.20 a picul. Long before that the price was so low as to make it seem one of the fairy tales to which persons reminiscing about the past are addicted. In 1921, the average monthly price per picul was $10. In April, 1927, it had risen to $16.58, a serious matter to the man in the street, and March of this year showed a somewhat more favourable balance, the price quoted being $12.12 per picul.

Clothes.

Clothes are another reason "why we can't save in Shanghai." Whatever their importance in the scheme of things, one is inclined to suspect that somebody is profiteering somewhere. Even the Chinese tailor has reacted to the raised level of prices during the past five years. Labour conditions and the other economic motives which could provide accurate reasons for the high cost of manufacturing wearing material are, again, material for the statistician.

Dress And The Stocking.

The one wayward and encouraging item on the general list is the silk stocking. Comparatively, they are cheaper now than before the war when they were "best" instead of "every day and all the time." The increased demand has had a counterbalancing factor in prices in the methods of rival manufacturers who are constantly trying to give the public something a little cheaper than competitors can do. So that one must admit the silk stocking has lived up to expectations in every way.

Entertainment And Transport.

In considering all those miscellaneous items which unremittingly endeavour to defeat our best intentions towards economy, one must reflect dolefully on the fact that "dining out" habits, so luridly painted by foreign correspondents, are undoubtedly on the increase still after having been on the increase for the past decade. With the price of whiskey estimated as 40 per cent. dearer than a few years ago, not to mention the high prices of other necessary adjuncts to a Shanghai evening party, further insight can be gained of where money goes in Shanghai of to-day. If a city is going to be a metropolis, somebody has to pay for it.

Transportation costs, too, have not only increased in a few years but as more and more transportation is required for growing Shanghai another item is debited to "miscellaneous." For the Chinese, likewise, transportation is an increasing problem. Ricksha fares for them have more than doubled in the past five years, and anyone who has seen the astute bargaining between a prospective Office "fare" and a rickshamen needs no advice as to which side the mantle of victory will fall on. An adamantine ricksha coolie is thinking of the stupefying price he must pay for rice-chow.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

CINEMA NEWS.

BRITISH GAZETTE AT THE QUEEN'S.

Among the interesting items in the British topical gazette which will shown at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow with the romantic comedy "The Quarterback," are splendid views of Nelson's flagship *Victory*, glimpses of H.M.S. *Tiger*, and Submarine *L22* submering with the King of Afghanistan on board.

The National Hunt Steeplechase at Cheltenham is also shown, the falls of horses and jockeys being depicted with remarkable clearness.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.

PROGRAMME FOR MONDAY.

At 9 a.m. on St. George's Day (April 23rd), the President of the St. George's Society of Hong Kong will lay a wreath on the Cenotaph. The Committee hope that as many members as possible will attend.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Byrd, D.S.O., and Officers, the Band of the 1st Battn. The Queen's Royal Regiment will play the Retreat on the Cricket Club Ground at 5.30 p.m. weather permitting.

The Hong Kong Cricket Club have kindly placed their stand at the disposal of the public.

The Committee and Members of the Society will be "at home" to H.M. forces at 9.30 p.m. in the Queen's and Star Theatres.

POPPY DAY FUND.

THE PRINCE'S WISH FULFILLED.

TOTAL OVER £500,000.

GROWTH DURING PAST SEVEN YEARS.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, when speaking on the wireless on the evening of November 10th last year in support of the Poppy Day Appeal, said:—

"We bought so many poppies last year and so nearly reached the total of £500,000, that surely we can do a little better this year and realise the half million to-morrow. So will each one of you give a little more for your poppy than you did last year? Give even a little more than you can afford, remembering that even if it is a sacrifice, it is a small one compared with theirs, and that in so giving we are keeping alive that spirit of unselfish comradeship in which they so gallantly went away, willingly gave of their best, and often of their all. In the name of those dear ones we have lost and for the sake of those who are still with us but in such crying need, I ask you to be very generous to-morrow."

It is pleasing to be able to report that the Prince's wish has been fulfilled. Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal Fund at 26, Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1. make it known that the total received to date in respect of Poppy Day, 1927, is just over £504,000 a figure which speaks eloquently of the generosity of the contributors, and the enthusiastic and efficient services rendered by many thousands of voluntary workers. Even this is not the final total, as collections made in several far distant overseas places have still to be received.

Of this splendid total of £504,000, no less than £72,900 was contributed in Greater London, £262,362 in the English and Welsh Counties, £76,991 in Scotland, £14,000 in Ireland, and £63,891 by British Communities overseas. Of the remaining £14,000 passengers on British liners at sea on November 11th last gave £3,979, followers of Hounds (by means of "Caps") £2,787, and by sales of Flanders Poppy Wreaths, etc., £7,234.

British Malaya sent £15,744, Ceylon £5,925, the Gold Coast £3,755, Nigeria £3,311. Hong Kong's contribution was £1,944.6.0.

Many collections on liners were extrordinarily good, £429 being received from the s.s. *Edinburgh Castle*, £419 from the s.s. *Rajputana*, and £200 from the s.s. *Almanzora*. Practically without exception, poppy sales were arranged on every British liner at sea on Remembrance Day.

Collections in the English and Welsh Counties were outstandingly successful, the aggregate totals showing an advance on the previous year of 25 per cent. The following are a few of the principal amounts received: Birmingham £11,035, Manchester £3,170, Liverpool £5,307, Bristol £4,434, Leeds £2,923, Sheffield £2,608, Hull £1,836, Southend £1,808, Bournemouth £1,805, Newcastle £1,666, Nottingham £1,293, Northampton £1,288, and Leicester £1,287.

London district collections include the following: Kensington £3,789, Wandsworth £3,496, Marylebone £2,919, Chelsea £2,399, Hampstead £2,059, Ealing £1,436, Willesden £1,224, Wimbledon £1,292, and Finsbury £1,008.

The late Field Marshal Earl Haig took the keenest interest in the growth of his Poppy Day Appeal, and it was said that he did not live long enough to see the first half million reached. The Poppy Day appeal, since its inception in 1921 has raised approximately £2,353,000 for the cause of distressed ex-service men, and has been the means of permitting an enormous amount of beneficent work to be carried out on their behalf.

The totals for each year since 1921 have been:—1921, £106,000; 1922, £204,000; 1923, £259,000; 1924, £350,000; 1925, £395,000; 1926, £435,000; 1927, £504,000.

The total quantity of poppies sold on Remembrance Day, 1927, was approximately three millions more than the corresponding figure for 1926, and it is gratifying to note that this increased demand for poppies, as well as for Flanders Poppy Wreaths, has permitted the engagement of a further twenty severely disabled ex-service men at the British Legion Poppy Factory at Richmond—the Factory of Remembrance.

Each year the demand for Poppy Wreaths has grown—and the demand now is not only for wreaths for placing in connection with Armistice Day ceremonies, but for despatch at all times of the year for the funeral of any ex-Service man in this country, or for placing in War Cemeteries overseas. These wreaths can be placed on any British soldier's grave overseas at an additional charge of only 2/6d. A fully illustrated price list may be obtained from the Headquarters of Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal Fund, at 26, Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1.



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SHANGHAI VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ROUTE MARCH IN BUBBLING WELL DISTRICT.

APPRECIATION BY THE PUBLIC.

SHANGHAI, April 16th.

The Shanghai Volunteer Corps yesterday morning undertook a route march in the Bubbling Well district, and again demonstrated what an efficient military force it is. It may be remembered that a similar parade was ordered by Col. Gordon over a year ago, and on that occasion, when present at the saluting base, Viscount Gort, V.C., turning to a S.V.C. medical officer whom he mistook for a Guardsman, made the remark which promises to be almost historic, "You didn't expect to see anything like this, did you?" Yesterday's parade, while not so large numerically as on the previous occasion, showed the Corps to be every bit as smart, and there was similar evidence of the keenness of all ranks. It enabled the new Commandant, Col. Orpen-Palmer, to judge of the material he has to handle, and it attracted a very great amount of public attention.

Rendezvous On The Race Course.

Between 9.30 and 10 a.m. the members of the different units of the Corps commenced to rendezvous on the Public Recreation Ground, and at the latter hour company sergeant-majors got busy falling in their men. The Corps Sergeant-Major called for markers; the units were inspected by their officers; and by 10.15 the Corps was in readiness to march off. The parade strength was as follows:—

	Officers	Other Ranks
Headquarters	7	6
Light Horse	3	66
American Troop	3	31
F.A.B. (Hows)	4	49
Light Gun Battery	1	50
Engineer Co.	2	35
Machine Gun Co.	7	97
"A" Co.	5	64
"B" Co.	1	41
American Co.	5	77
Portuguese Co.	2	107
Japanese Co.	4	97
Chinese Co.	4	109
Shanghai Scottish	4	91
Reserve Co.	3	55
Russian Co.	5	98
Total	60	1,073

By this time Bubbling Well Road was being thronged with interested spectators, for an additional at-

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traction to the parade was provided by the presence of two military bands which had been lent by the British Defence Force, and there was accordingly not only the spectacle of troops parading at their best, but the very attractive music of these bands and drums and fifes. At 10.20 the order was given to move off, and headed by the mounted troops the Corps proceeded out of the Loongfei Gate and westward along Bubbling Well Road. Following the mounted men there was the imposing procession of artillery, with horsed and mechanized transport, armoured cars and so forth, and then the long column of infantry. Major-General Wardrop though not formally present, viewed the march of the Corps from the entrance of his residence with great interest. The Commandant, accompanied by Mr. S. Fessenden and members of the Watch Committee took the salute at Hardoon Road.

High Praise Indeed.

In a letter to Col. Orpen-Palmer, yesterday, Major-General A. E. Wardrop, commanding the Shanghai Defence Force, wrote:—

"As the Shanghai Volunteer Force passed my gate this morning I did myself the honour of looking at them. I was much impressed by the bearing throughout and the efficient appearance of all the units and of each single man. I congratulate you on your fine command."—*N.-C. Daily News.*

YOUNG FISHERMAN'S DEATH.

WIFE'S EXTRAORDINARY CONFESSIONS.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell sat as Coroner at the Central Magistracy yesterday to enquire into the death of a young fisherman at Aberdeen on April 8th.

Evidence given by deceased's father showed that the man went ashore to a tea house on the day in question, and the next he saw of his son was when he found his dead body floating in the water. The deceased was 19 years of age and had married a girl of 16 only about a year ago. They had had no quarrel as far as he knew. The father said that his son was "dull and stupid."

The young wife of the deceased made a series of extraordinary confessions in Court, frankly and gratuitously admitting the immoral life she had led without her husband's knowledge. Her confessions, however, were not relevant to the enquiry.

The Coroner, after hearing further evidence, returned a verdict of death by drowning through misadventure.

CO-OPERATION WITH NANKING.

MARSHAL LI TSAI HSIN'S PLAN.

KUOMINTANG TO BE REORGANISED.

NEW DIRECTORS APPOINTED.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, April 20th.

Owing to the strain of his trip to Nanking, Marshal Li Tsai Hsin is still resting in his private house in Man Tak Road, South. He has not yet visited either the Head Office of the Canton Political Council or the Headquarters of the 8th Route Army. The Marshal has, however, been busily holding conferences at his house with subordinates and colleagues regarding the reconstruction and tranquilization of Kwangtung and the reorganization of the Branch Headquarters of the Nationalist Party in Canton.

The facts of the situation are, according to military circles, that since the Communist holocaust of December 11th last, factions and cliques with opposing interests and aims have sprung up in Canton. The members of the Kuomintang here have been too divided to take concerted action in any matter. Acrimonious discussions have been frequent at public meetings and there is bitter feeling among the opposing groups.

Because of these circumstances, Marshal Li Tsai Hsin when at Nanking proposed to the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang a reorganization of the Provincial and the City Kuomintangs in Canton. The proposal called for sincere and unbiased leaders free from clique leanings to direct the affairs of the Nationalist Party. The proposal of the Canton Marshal was carried; and as a result, both the Provincial and the City Kuomintang in Canton are now undergoing thorough reorganization. Henceforth the directors of these Party organs will be directly appointed by and responsible to, the Central Executive Committee of the Nationalist Party at Nanking.

THE NEW DIRECTORS.

The newly appointed directors of the Provincial Kuomintang here are Marshal Li Tsai Hsin, Generals Chen Ming Shu, Hsu King Tong, and Chen Tsai Tong, Messrs. Chu Chia Hua, Ma Hung Fun, Fung Tin Yu, Fung Cho Man, and Chen Shui Yen. The newly appointed directors of the City Kuomintang are Messrs. Fun Ki Mo, Ma Chiu Tsoon, Cheung Kwok Tso, Wong Ping Fun, Po Liang Chue, Tang Shih Tang, Li On Ting, Li Man Fun, and Lin Yick Chung. These directors are nearly all in Canton and preparations are now being made to put the Party here on a sounder basis.

Marshal Li Tsai Hsin has just ordered that newly appointed Party directors who are now in Canton, shall be here within a week. As soon as all have arrived the Marshal will call a conference to discuss constructive work. Meanwhile the old directors of the two local Kuomintangs have been told to evacuate their offices to make room for the new comers.

MILITARY RE-ORGANISATIONS.

Marshal Li's plans for the tranquillization of Kwangtung and close co-operation with the Nationalist Government at Nanking include reorganization of the higher military posts here. The 8th Route Army may be changed into the "Fifth Independent Division" in co-ordination with the four now fighting at the front. Moreover, the Marshal is seriously contemplating the reduction of the number of soldiers here. Those soldiers tainted with unorthodox views are fairly certain to be disbanded.

"RED" OUTRAGE NEAR SHANGHAI.

HOUSES BURNT AND PEOPLE KILLED.

PLOT TO MAKE TROUBLE AMONG PEASANTRY.

DETACHMENTS OF SOLDIERS SENT OUT.

SHANGHAI, April 16th.

Considerable perturbation has been caused in Shanghai by the news, which reached here on Saturday, that on Friday morning gangs of bandits, who style themselves the "Communist Army," attacked the villagers at Nanziang and Kading. The Communists set fire to several houses in the two villages and killed a number of the inhabitants. The police arrived too late to succour the inhabitants, or to make any arrests, despite the fact that Inspector Hsu Pao Cheng to the 1st District Marine Police, stationed at Ninghong, immediately on receipt of the news, hurried to the scene with police.

Nanziang is about seven miles from the Settlement, and the situation is regarded as being so serious that General Chien Ta Chun, has sent a portion of the 1st Division of the 32nd Army Corps to that town, where they are to be posted permanently. General Chien, according to the *Kuo Min News Agency* has also stationed one company of soldiers in each of the stations on the Shanghai-Nanking Line to suppress Communist disturbances.

Nanziang, which is a village of some 10,000 inhabitants, is about six miles or so from Kading, the only means of access to the latter being by water or mud-tracks.

Two Villages Burnt.

Additional details of the outrage were given by the *Shunpao* on the 12th inst., says this paper, terrible outrages were committed by the Communists at Loh Chi Chiao Village, near Kading. Many people were killed and hundreds of houses were burnt to the ground.

At 11 p.m. on the 12th inst., people inside the city heard the sound of gunfire and general alarm ensued as it was known that Koh Lung Chen Village, some 10 *li* away from the West Gate, had been captured by the Communists. Following the capture of the village, the Communists set fire to the houses and shops and shot all those who attempted to escape.

On the following day, an investigation was made and it was found that practically every house, including the police stations, had been razed to the ground. The chief of police was missing and more than a score of people, including several policemen, were found dead. The local police said that, when the Communists, left the place, they (the Communists) clapped their hands and fired many shots to celebrate their victory.

On the 13th inst., Wan Kan Chen Village, the *Shunpao* continues, was also burnt by the Communists and about 25 persons were killed. These Communists were captured by soldiers, who, however, had arrived too late to stop the outrages.

The Communists are said to be well armed, having rifles, swords, daggers and iron clubs.

Martial law has been declared in Kading and the city gates are being closed at eight o'clock each night.

Communist And Peasant.

The outrages are evidently part of the general scheme on which Communists have been working for several weeks to make all the trouble possible among the peasants between here and Nanking. On March 22nd they devastated a large village near Kiangyin, not far from Chinkiang and did an enormous amount of damage in the surrounding country. Foreign missionaries had to flee from Kiangyin though they have since returned.—*N.C. Daily News.*

"BRITANNIA" LAUNCHED.

NEW MOTOR YACHT FOR H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

CHRISTENING CEREMONY PERFORMED BY MISS CLEMENTI.

The new motor yacht *Britannia* built by Messrs. A. King & Co., for H.E. The Governor was successfully launched yesterday morning.

Exactly at 11 a.m. Miss Clementi performed the usual christening ceremony by breaking a bottle of champagne against the bows of the motor yacht. Slowly and gracefully the decorated launch slid stern first into the water.

Mr. R. R. Roxburgh then thanked Miss Clementi for having successfully launched the yacht and presented her with a brooch as a souvenir of the occasion. Mr. Roxburgh also congratulated the designers and constructors of the *Britannia* and asked those present to drink to the success of the yacht.

During this time the *Britannia* had been taken in tow by two motor-boats which were in attendance and was finally moored alongside the pier so as to enable the party to inspect the yacht for themselves. The *Britannia* looked an unusually graceful craft, her long, low lines being a triumph for both designers and constructors. Following the inspection the party visited the shipyards and later tea was provided for the party.

Among those present at the gathering included H.E. The Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, the Misses Clementi, and Master Clementi (Lady Clementi unfortunately could not be present), Captain H. B. L. Dowbiggin, A.D.C., to H.E. The Governor and Captain Frost, Private Secretary. Commander and Mrs. J. B. Newill., Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Roxburgh, local representative of Messrs. Thornycroft Co., Ltd., and Mr. G. Swann, Assistant Government Marine Surveyor.

Dimensions And Fittings.

The motor yacht *Britannia* was laid down about four months ago and her dimensions are:—Length 79 feet, beam, 14.6 feet, and draft 6.6 feet. The yacht throughout is built of teak with brass fittings. The interior as shown in the blue print has been very skilfully planned and will include dining room, bath room, kitchen, sitting room, with settees, wardrobes, ice chest, and the usual modern conveniences provided in motor-yachts *de luxe*. The *Britannia* is propelled by two C.6—75 H.P. reducing and reverse gear Thornycroft motors.

The interior of the motor-yacht is at present incomplete, but it is expected that the *Britannia* will be finished and ready for her trial runs within five or six weeks. The Government Marine Surveyor, Mr. G. Swann, gave his opinion that the yacht was well built and seaworthy. The crew, including the coxswain, will number about eight hands and have quarters in the forecastle of the yacht.

THE H.K. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

PRESENTATION OF COLOURS ON MAY 6TH.

DESIGNED AT THE COLLEGE OF ARMS.

On Sunday, May 6th, His Excellency The Governor will present Colours to the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps on Murray Parade Ground at 9.30 a.m.

The grant of Colours to the Corps was sanctioned by the Army Council and approved by His Majesty The King last year.

The Colours have been designed at the College of Arms, which institution is responsible for the design of all Colours for the Regular and Territorial Army.

The King's Colour follows the usual design of the Union Jack having a circlet surrounding a red disc and surmounted by a Crown in its centre.

The Regimental Colour usually corresponds with the facings of the Regiment, but the Corps having no facings owing to its uniform being khaki drill, yellow has been chosen, as the Regimental Colour of the Hong Kong Regiment, the only other unit connected exclusively with the Colony, was yellow. In the centre there is red disc on which is embroidered the Dragon crest of the Corps, surrounded by a circlet bearing the name of the Corps and surmounted by a Crown. Underneath is the motto "Nulli Secundus in Oriente," which was borne by the Old Volunteer Corps: surrounding the whole is a Garland of Rose, Thistle and Shamrock, which appears on most Regimental Colours.

Lady Clementi's Idea.

The idea that the Corps should have Colours originated with Lady Clementi, on whose inspiration a fund was raised by the ladies of the Colony to provide the Colours. The presence of ladies at the parade, and at Volunteer Headquarters after the ceremony will be much appreciated by the whole Corps.

"EXECUTOR DE SON TORT."

SON WHO MADE HIMSELF LIABLE.

LAW ON INTERMEDDLING WITH DEAD MAN'S AFFAIRS.

A somewhat unusual case was heard yesterday afternoon before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood at the Summary Court when Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared on behalf of a woman, house owner named Won Chat to recover the sum of $134.50 from Mak Wah Tuen and Mrs. Mak Yau Man, being rent due on a house at No. 1, Sing Hing Street.

Opening his case, Mr. Loseby said that the original tenant of the house was the father of the first defendant and husband to the second defendant. The rental was $62 a month. The original tenant died on the 28th day of the 12th moon last year, and at the time of his death there were no rent arrears.

Mr. Loseby went on to say that under ordinary circumstances, the defendants were not liable for anything, but he would prove that the defendants had made themselves *executors de son tort* (by their own wrong), and thus became liable to the amount owing.

Continuing, Mr. Loseby said that the day after the original tenant's death, the male defendant had written to the landlord giving notice that they would leave at the end of the first Chinese moon. The day arrived but they did not go, nor was any rent given. The son however promised to pay within a few days. Later when the landlord went for his rent, he found the defendants moving out. He asked for his rent, and the defendant said that the *kit fat* wife of the deceased would be coming in from the country soon and that she would give a guarantee for the rent.

The defendants were allowed to go, and the fact that they had removed the property of the deceased and intermeddled with his affairs made them *executors de son tort*, contended Mr. Loseby.

Evidence was then called and the landlord corroborated Mr. Loseby's opening.

Not His Father's Furniture.

The male defendant in the box said that the woman defendant was his mother and a concubine of the deceased. They lived together and after his father's death, he, his mother and brothers and sisters left the house. He did not remove any of his father's property, and what he did actually take was furniture, trunks and bedding belonging to himself and his relatives. The furniture and bedding were part of his wife's dowry. The letter to the landlord was written at the instructions of the *kit fat* wife and he did not attached his signature to it.

His Honour then asked Mr. Loseby if he could quote any authority to support his contention. Mr. Loseby that he could not do so off hand, but if given time, he could find a parallel case. A short adjournment was accordingly granted.

Managing A Dead Man's Affairs.

On resumption, Mr. Loseby cited several authorities showing that once a person intermeddles with the affairs of a dead person he makes himself *executor de son tort*. He added that such acts as directing a funeral, looking after deceased's horses and keeping his property in storage with a view of preserving them were not acts which would make him liable.

In this case, the defendant actually gave notice to vacate, which was tantamount to managing the affairs of the dead person. The removing of the furniture was another. Mr. Loseby, however, added that if his Lordship were of the opinion that the *kit fat* wife was liable, he would willingly drop the case. He did not want to take advantage of a technical point and his client would not like to see the concubine suffer.

After further argument, his Honour found that the male defendant had made himself an *executor de son tort* in that he gave notice to vacate the house. He would however give judgment for only one month's rent, viz., $62 because at the time of the father's death, no rent was in arrear. Judgment for that amount was given against the male defendant with costs. The woman defendant was found to have nothing to do with the matter.

MESSRS. L. E. HAYNES AND N. I. BREWER.

VALIDITY IN LAW OF $1,000 CLAIM.

QUESTION TO BE ARGUED NEXT FRIDAY.

The claim for $1,000 filed by Mr. Leslie E. Haynes against Mr. N. Instone Brewer for work and materials supplied was again mentioned at the Summary Court yesterday morning before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood.

Mr. O. E. C. Marton appeared for the plaintiff and the defendant conducted his own case in person. He asked his Lordship if he (his Lordship) could direct, on the issue, whether there was, in law, a case for him to answer.

His Lordship: You can submit that at the trial.

Mr. Brewer: It might determine the whole case if it were settled beforehand.

His Honour: Are you responsible for the particulars, Mr. Marton.

Mr. Marton (amidst smiles): No, I am not.

His Honour: Have you read them?

Mr. Marton: No.

His Honour then asked Mr. Marton to read the particulars. After this had been done Mr. Marton asked for a week's adjournment saying that he would have to go into the matter with the plaintiff.

His Honour pointed out that Mr. Brewer had said that he had duties outside the Colony and that a series of attendances would be inconvenient to him.

Mr. Marton: We will try to settle it.

Mr. Brewer: What I would best like would be for your Lordship to direct on the issue.

His Lordship: To be heard when?

Mr. Brewer: To suit the plaintiff's convenience. I don't mind any one day.

His Lordship asked how would they stand if Mr. Marton were to provide further and better particulars.

Mr. Brewer: Then I shall be pleased to receive them.

His Lordship said the best plan would be to include the case in next Friday's list.

DEBTORS' FAILURE TO PAY.

AGAIN SUED ON A NEW NOTE.

At the Summary Court yesterday morning, a licensed money-lender named Sher Singh claimed from L. Ozorio and M. S. Harteam the sum of $104 on a promissory note. Plaintiff said that he had actually lent the defendants $100 and that he did not follow the usual procedure of making them sign for double the amount. The $4 was interest due on the loan.

Defendants consented to judgment and asked that they might pay by instalments. When asked by His Lordship as to the amount they intended to pay monthly, Ozorio said he would liquidate the debt in ten instalments. The defendant Harteam said that he was merely a guarantor for Ozorio and in view of that he did not see why he should be called upon to pay.

Plaintiff objected to the instalments, saying that in a previous action, the same defendants had promised to pay by instalments, but so far they had not done so.

His Honour looked up the records and found what the plaintiff said was true. He asked the defendants why they had failed to pay when they had been ordered to do so. Defendants did not reply.

Judgment was then given in plaintiff's favour for the amount claimed with costs. His Lordship ordered Ozorio to pay $10 and Harteam to pay $5 monthly beginning from May 1st, on this action.

To the plaintiff, his Honour said that where the previous action was concerned, he could apply for execution order on or before June 2nd.

ROOFING PINGSHAN POLICE STATION.

JUDGE'S AMENDED CALCULATIONS.

The case in which a sub-contractor sued another sub-contractor for work done on the roof of the Pingshan Police Station was yesterday morning settled at the Summary Court by Mr. Justice J. R. Wood.

Choy Kit Yee originally claimed $409.78 from the Shanghai Company and said that the work was paid by the square foot. It was agreed that he should do the work at the rate of $65 per 100 square feet.

Defendant did not deny the price at the last hearing, but he protested that the plaintiff's measurements of the roof were not correct.

His Lordship worked out for himself a number of calculations at the last hearing and gave judgment for the plaintiff for $232.33. Plaintiff, however, was not satisfied saying that the work he had done was more than the amount accorded. The case was then adjourned.

When the case was called again yesterday morning, his Honour said that he had been through their accounts and found that the plaintiff was entitled to $318.78 with costs. Judgment for this amount was accordingly given.

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INTIMATIONS.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that An EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., the General Managers of the said Company, St. George's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 23RD Day of APRIL, 1928, at 11 O'CLOCK in the FORENOON, when the subjoined Resolutions will be proposed as Ordinary Resolutions, viz:—

(1) That the authorised Capital of the Company (which is now $3,000,000 consisting of 600,000 Shares of the nominal value of $5 Each the whole of which have been issued) be increased to $3,600,000 by the creation of 120,000 Additional Shares of the nominal value of $5 Each ranking (subject as hereinafter mentioned) as from date of allotment for dividend and in all other respects *pari passu* with the shares constituting the Company's present issued Capital.

(2) That the said 120,000 Shares be offered forthwith in the first instance (in the proportion of One New Share for every Complete Number of Five Existing Shares held by them respectively) to the Members of the Company who on the 23rd Day of APRIL, 1928, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of said 600,000 Shares at par and so that on acceptance of the offer the nominal amount of $5 due in respect of such 120,000 Shares shall be payable as to the Sum of $1 part thereof on the First Day of MAY, 1928, and as to the balance thereof *i.e.* $4 on the First Day of JUNE, 1928.

And further that until such time as the said 120,000 Shares shall be fully paid up they shall *vis-a-vis* the said 600,000 Shares only rank for Dividend in proportion to the ratio borne by the amount paid up thereon in respect of the nominal value thereof to the full nominal value ($5) thereof,

And that such Offer be made by Notice specifying the Number of Shares to which the Member is entitled and limiting a time within which the Offer if not accepted by the Member on behalf of himself or his nominee will be deemed to be declined and that the Directors be at liberty to fix such time and to extend such time to such date or dates and upon such terms as they may think fit And further that any of the said 120,000 Shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of in such manner at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion think fit.

(3) That No Shareholder shall be entitled to any Offer of a Fraction of an Additional Share in respect of any Odd Shares held by such Shareholder.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 16TH Day of APRIL, 1928, to MONDAY, the 23RD Day of APRIL, 1928 (Both Days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

Dated the 5th day of April, 1928.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
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CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The FOURTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED, will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 2ND DAY of MAY, 1928, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1927, and of electing Directors and Auditors

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23RD APRIL, 1928, to 2ND MAY, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
HERBERT B. STURT,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 19th Apr., 1928. [6152

G. R.

NOTICE.

THE SANITARY BOARD wishes to draw the attention of the Public, and especially of those who have recently come to this Colony, to the possibility of acquiring Diseases, *e.g.*, Dysentery and Typhoid Fever by eating of Uncooked Vegetables.

Chinese market-gardeners use manure from human sources and their custom is to pour the manure or spray it from watering-pots in liquid form over the growing Plants.

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J. WATSON,
Secretary, SANITARY BOARD.
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(1) To receive the Report and Accounts for the Committee for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1927.
(3) To elect a new Committee.
(3) To transact any General Business.

By Order,
M. F. KEY,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 17th Apr., 1928. [6146

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NOTICE.

THE FIFTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, PEDDER STREET, on TUESDAY, 24TH APRIL, 1928, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1927.

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DEATHS.

ANDERSEN.—On April 15th, at his residence, 383, Route de Sieyes, Shanghai, CLAUS LAURITS ANDERSEN, aged 78.

EDE.—On March 14th, at her residence, Oakhurst, Netley Abbey, Hants, LAURA ANNIE EDE, widow of the late N. J. EDE (formerly of Hong Kong).

MURRAY.—On April 16th, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, JOHN TULLIBARDINE MURRAY, Captain s.s. *Ningshao*, aged 60 years.

GAUNT.—On April 12th, at Hangchow, suddenly, HELEN, wife of the Rev. T. GAUNT, of the Church Missionary Society.

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HONG KONG, APRIL 21ST, 1928.

PENNY POSTAGE POSTPONED.

THE reply given recently by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to a deputation from the London Chamber of Commerce leaves no hope of a return to penny postage this year. The subject has been urged upon Mr. Churchill from time to time by powerful business interests as a means of assisting trade. A member of the deputation reminded him that he has promised the penny post would be restored within the lifetime of the present Parliament. If that promise is to be redeemed it will have to be done early in 1929 at the latest. There is, of course such a thing as political strategy, and it may be that the concession is being deferred till the eve of the General Election. But why should the public have to wait for the convenience of a party? What the people of Great Britain and the Empire are concerned with is—not that things should happen to suit politicians, but that trade and consideration for the public in general, and the taxpayer in particular, should be the guiding principle of good government.

Broadly considered, these are the considerations that really matter. But Mr. Churchill takes the limited view of a Chancellor of the Exchequer hard pressed to make his Budget balance. He cannot, he said, contemplate parting at the present time with £5,000,000 or £6,000,000 which he had been assured would be involved in returning to the penny post. It is evident that he looks upon the Post Office as he does the Road Fund and certain other revenue producing agencies as Treasury preserves on which he can lay his hands for a good many extra millions of pounds. He has gone a long way from the realisation of the fact that the Post Office does not primarily exist to ease the difficulties of a predatory Chancellor of the Exchequer. Its function first and always is to serve the public, and assist both home and overseas trade and commerce in the cheapest and most efficient way possible.

In the course of the interview the deputation told the Chancellor that the business prosperity of the country and its taxable resources depend solely on the volume of its trade. This of, course is a hard economic truth about which there cannot be two opinions. Moreover, to handicap trade is to prevent the employment of vast numbers of the people, who are a burden upon the State, whereas they might be otherwise engaged in the business of production and so increase the national wealth. But the Chancellor was unmoved. The country had lost £400,000,000 by the General Strike and the coal stoppage of 1926, he said, and the Exchequer had been prejudicially affected to the extent of £80,000,000. For this reason he could make no concessions.

The difficulties of the Chancellor of the Exchequer are well known, and his critics in England do not try to minimise them. We have indicated the main reasons which they consider are weighty enough to justify the argument that a return to the penny post is more than due, in spite of all that can be urged to the contrary by Mr. Churchill. There is the further fact that, according to the Secretary of the Post Office, the reduction could be made without imposing a loss on the operating costs of the Department. But the Chancellor has made up his mind that he must have the extra millions, and there the matter rests. We are glad, however, that the question has been raised by a representative body like the London Chamber of Commerce. They have stated the case, and it is upon record; it is so strong that although Mr. Churchill refuses to yield at the moment, he cannot hope to clutch those Post Office profits to balance his Budget another year.

COST OF CHINA FORCE.

Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, Secretary for War, in a written answer to a question in the House of Commons stated that the estimated extra cost to the Army funds of the additional troops sent to China is £1,026,500 for 1928 and £3,000,000 for 1927.

CHINESE STAGE "VILLAINS."

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, in a written reply to a question in the House of Commons, stated that he had received protests within the last four years from the Cuba Legation against a play entitled, "A Cabaret in Cuba," and from the Chinese Legation against "The Silent House," "The Yellow Mask," "Listeners," "Tin Gods," and "Hit the Deck."

Commenting upon the subject the *China Express & Telegraph* says that no fewer than five plays to be seen in the West End represent Chinese in the rôle of "villain" and points out how resentful the Chinese are of the practice. It is now announced that Mr. Jack Waller, of Messrs. Clayton and Waller, the producers of "Hit the Deck" at the London Hippodrome, has written to Dr. Chen, the Chinese Chargé d'Affaires, offering to withdraw any parts of it to which exception might be taken by China. "It is naturally our policy never to offend the feelings of other nationals," he states in his letter, "and if your Excellency will be so kind as to let me know just what incidents are considered offensive to your country, we will do all in our power to remove them." This is the right spirit, continues the paper, and Mr. Waller's example might well be followed by some of the other offenders. Further, steps might be taken by the Government to prevent the presentation of plays which may be calculated to give cause of offence to the subjects of friendly Powers, or at least to modify them.

One Chinese case of small-pox and two Chinese cases of enteric were reported on Thursday.

The Sociedade Juvenil are holding a further display of the "Contra Danca" at the Club de Recreio, King's Park, to-morrow, starting at 9 p.m.

The late Capt. William Murray Isdale, Strawberry Hill, Middlesex, marine superintendent and nautical adviser to the British India Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., left £11,011.

The Chinese market stall-holder charged with wounding a waiter at a tea-shop was yesterday discharged by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy. Mr. Hin Shing Lo appeared for the defence.

A motor car belonging to the Hong Kong Electric Company, while proceeding along the Queen's Road Central knocked down a Chinese, who was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

The late Mr. David Gubbay (62), of Hertford-street, Mayfair, W., lately a director of Messrs. David Sassoon & Co., Ltd., of the Imperial Bank of Persia, and of the African Mercantile Co., left £57,582 (unsettled).

Mr. Harry H. Fox, Commercial Counsellor of the British Legation at Peking, who has been for some months in England on leave, is returning by the P. & O. *Malwa*. Mr. and Mrs. Fox joined the vessel at Marseilles on March 30th.

The Rev. H. G. H. Griffith, formerly assistant chaplain of Hong Kong Cathedral, and latterly curate of Llangattock, has been appointed by the Provincial Patronage Board of the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon to the vicarage of Trallwng-with-Bettws Penpont, Brecnshire.

The Ranee of Sarawak, who, accompanied by her daughters, is now on her way to England, combines novel-writing, pastel-drawing, and play-writing with her State duties. A play by the Ranee, who will probably visit America in the autumn, is likely to be produced in London in the course of the next few months, and another is almost finished.

When the Queen of Afghanistan visited the Ideal Home Exhibition the other day she spent a considerable time admiring and examining the furniture designed and made by Mrs. Betty Joel, the daughter of Sir James Stewart Lockhart, who was for many years in the Far East, first as Colonial Secretary at Hong Kong and finally as Commissioner of Wei-hai-wei. Through an interpreter her Majesty asked Mrs. Joel a great many questions and seemed astounded that a woman should have taken up a career of furniture-making. Mrs. Joel explained to her Majesty that for years she lived with her father in China, and that when she married Lord Beatty's flag-lieutenant during the war and came home to England to live, she chose a cottage on Hayling Island for her home. Having travelled so much she had not had the opportunity of collecting any furniture, and, wanting something good and labour-saving and easy to keep clean, she designed her own.

LOCAL WILLS.

ESTATES IN COLONY AND ABROAD.

PROVISION FOR ANCESTRAL WORSHIP EXPENSES.

Probates of the following wills have been granted by the Supreme Court recently:—

Mr. C. Ford.

Estate to the value of $17,000 in the Colony and £1,678.7.7 in England was left by Mr. C. Ford who died at "Lindeth" Stanmore, Middlesex, on July 14th last year. The deceased bequeathed everything to his widow, Mrs. A. Ford. Provision was also made for relatives who will benefit in the event of the deaths of the primary beneficiaries.

Mr. A. B. Cumming, Shanghai.

Letters of administration in respect of the estate of Mr. A. B. Cumming, of Shanghai, who was a marine engineer in the employ of the China Navigation Company, was granted to Mr. H. L. Dennys, of Messrs. Hastings, Dennys & Bowley, of Hong Kong. The deceased died in Hong Kong on June 8th, last year and his Hong Kong estate is valued at $2,600. The deceased also left property in Shanghai.

Mr. Dennys is the attorney of Mr. F. McIntrye, marine engineer of Shanghai, the executor, to whom everything is bequeathed to hold in trust for all or any of the deceased's brothers and sisters and their children who shall be living at the time of his death.

Wong Hon Shi.

Hong Kong estate amounting to $78,000 was left by a Chinese widow named Wong Hon Shi who died at No. 55, Pokfulam Road on July 15th, 1927. Probate has been granted to Wong Wun Hon and Wong Wun Yau, both of whom are residing at the same address.

The deceased in her will directed that the property be divided into ten shares, seven of which are bequests to relatives and the eighth is to be set aside for ancestral worship expenses. The remaining two shares are to be used for the education of the deceased's children and grand-children during their respective minorities, and also to be used for payments upon their marriage, or for dowries, and for family expenses, religious and philanthropic. The use of this money is left to the discretion of the trustees.

Keung Mi Shan.

Keung Mi Shan, who died at 38, Main Street, Shaukiwan, on December 10th, 1927, left Hong Kong estate to the value of $9,200. Probate was granted to his mother, Keung Shek Shi, living at the same address, and the estate is divided into two portions, one being bequeathed to deceased's eldest son and the other to the youngest son. The shares are to be given back to the beneficiaries on their attaining their majority.

Probate Re-sealed.

Re-sealing of probate and one codicil has been granted to Mr D. J. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, who is the attorney of Mr. D. V. L. Craddock, 2, Forbury, Reading, Berks, and the Public Trustee, Kingsway, London, W.C.2.

ROYAL ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION.

LAST NIGHT'S CONCERT.

A smoking concert was held at the R.E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks last night by the Royal Artillery Association. It was arranged following a discussion at a recent meeting of which decided to hold such a function in order to stimulate interest in the doings of the Association. An excellent programme of varied items was given as follows:

Pte. Brown, Pianoforte Selections; Sgt. Leach, Song—Photo of the Girl I left behind; Major Tuke, M.C., and Lieut. Musson, Banjo and Pianoforte Solo; L/Cpl. Stewart, Humorous; Sgt. Moore, Song—Trumpeter; Bdr. Quinn, Recitation, The House that Jack Built; Pte. Brown, Pianoforte Selections; B.S.M. Broadbridge, Song—In Other Words, The Irresponsible Vicar; Sgt. Alvey, Monologue—Sport; Pte. Brown, Pianoforte Selections; Sgt. Leach, Song—Ain't it Nice, All Bull; Major Tuke, M.C., and Lieut. Musson, Banjo and Pianoforte Solo; Bdr. Quinn, Recitation; B.S.M. Broadbridge, Song—Shurrup; Sgt. Moore, Song; W.O. Macdonald, Monologue; L/Cpl. Stewart, Song; Pte. Brown, Pianoforte Selections.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.15 p.m., stated:—

The depression to the N.W. of Haiphong had deepened. The anti-cyclone remains central over N. China.

Local Forecast:—East winds, moderate, overcast, rain, fog.

THE APPEAL FOR PAPERS.

NAVAL AND MILITARY Y.M.C.A.

With reference to the appeal now in circulation for papers and periodicals for the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A., the Committee wish it to be clearly understood that donations of money towards the cost of same, (or alternatively orders on news-agents) will be most gratefully received and acknowledged by the Secretary.

The appeal is signed by Mrs. Jackman, 403, The Peak; Mrs. G. Murray, 287, The Peak; Mrs. A. C. Franklin, P.O. Box 482; Mrs. Remington, Thorpe Manor; Mrs. C. G. Alabaster, 514, The Peak; Mr. J. C. Grenham, N. & M. Y.M.C.A.

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BEQUESTS TO HONG KONG.

WILL OF MR. JAMES ORANGE.

Mr. James Orange, of Gray's Inn-square, and formerly of Hong Kong, civil engineer, who died on September 27th, left estate of the gross value of £35,065, with net personalty £34,634. He left:—The paintings in oil, water colours, sketches in crayon, and pen and ink work of George Chinnery, to the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington; his collection of paintings, lacquer, prints, and drawings, the work of the Japanese artist Shibata Zeshin, to the British Museum; £200 to the Bishop of Hong Kong, for charitable purposes; and £100 each to the Italian Convent, Caine-road, Hong Kong, and St. Paul's Institution, Hong Kong.

Mr. James Orange was one of the founders of the firm of Leigh and Orange in the Colony.

CAPT. C. H. CONGDON LEAVES SINGAPORE.

PROMINENT INTERPORT CRICKETER.

Cricketing and hockey circles in Singapore will miss Captain C. H. Congdon, R.M., who sailed for Home before Easter. During his two years' appointment in Singapore as Naval Intelligence Officer Capt. Congdon made many friends. He was particularly good at arranging sporting events between the Garrison and warships passing through, and the liaison between the Services has never been stronger in Singapore than it is at present.

Captain Congdon had the distinction of playing cricket at Kuala Lumpur for the team which beat the Australians in such a sensational manner during their visit to Malaya. He has also played both cricket and hockey for the Navy. His successor Major Glunicke, has had much experience of Intelligence work both in the Far East and at the Admiralty. Capt. Congdon took part in the triangular cricket Interport matches at Hong Kong last November.

He was not, however, able to reproduce the form he had shown in Malaya in club matches and the games against the Australians.

WING ON EMPLOYEE SENTENCED.

ALTERED RECEIPTS AND FRAUDING.

An employee of the Wing On Company appeared before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday on seven charges of embezzlement by means of altering the receipts of the Company. He was sentenced to seven months' hard labour.

Sergeant Flattery prosecuted, and Mr. W. Lam of the Wing On Company was present on behalf of the complainants.

The defendant pleaded guilty and Sergeant Flattery stated that the total sum involved amounted to $473.27 and the frauds extended over a period of four months. The defendant had been six years in the Company's employ and was in charge of the Delivery Department. The means whereby he defrauded the Company was to alter the voucher which had been previously signed by one of the officers of the Company. He would pay the delivering coolies the original amount and keep the remainder. The trick was found out as a result of the Company's expense account increasing beyond its average.

His Lordship imposed a sentence of one month's hard labour in each case of embezzlement, the sentences to run consecutively.

MARSHALS CHIANG AND FENG JOIN FORCES.

BIG CAPTURES OF MEN AND MUNITIONS.

CHANG TSO LIN ON CHIHLI BORDER.

GENERAL SUN CHUAN FANG'S FORCE ANNIHILATED.

MANY DEFECTIONS FROM NORTHERN ARMIES.

The birthplace of Confucius, Chufu, which is a short distance north-east of Yenchow, has fallen into the hands of the Nationalists. They have also captured Ningyen, which is about 30 miles north-west of Yenchow, so that, though the Shantung troops in Yenchow are still putting up a sturdy resistance, the situation is critical.

Marshals Chiang Kai Shek and Feng Yu Hsiang have finally joined forces at Chufu, and they claim to have made immense captures of men and munitions at this point.

The Northerners intend to make a serious attempt to stem the tide of the Kuomintang advance at Tsinan, but, judging from *Reuter* cables both the British and American Consuls-General and the Japanese authorities believe that the Nationalists will soon be in Tsinan.

Marshal Chang Tso Lin appears to be making no personal effort to protect Shantung. He has assembled his forces at Tehchow on the border of Shantung and Chihli, where he is straddling the Tientsin-Pukow railway and making ready to resist the entrance of the Nationalists into Chihli. A report from the vernacular press states that he has ordered everything to be in readiness for a retreat from Peking to Fengtien.

The defeat of General Sun Chuan Fang appears to have been even more complete than was at first announced, as his whole army of 50,000 men has been wiped out.

The whole of the 7th Northern army is reported to have gone over to the Southerners, and there have been further desertions on a large scale.

FENG AND CHIANG MEET.

HUGE CAPTURE OF MEN AND MUNITIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, April 20th.

Nationalist Headquarters reports the capture on the 16th inst. of Chufu, the birthplace of Confucius, a strategic centre where the armies of Chiang Kai Shek and Feng Yu Hsiang met.

They also claim the capture of 30,000 prisoners, 32 field guns, 18,000 rifles and 6,000 machine guns.

CONFUCIUS' BIRTHPLACE.

(*Wah Tsz Yat Pao.*)

SHANGHAI, April 20th.

According to a military report from the front, Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang's troops under General Li Pao Cheng, after taking Tsining, have later captured Ningyen, about 30 miles north-west of Yenchow, and Chufu, north-east of Yenchow.

YENCHOW DOOMED.

(*Wah Tsz Yat Pao.*)

SHANGHAI, April 20th.

The latest report to hand states that since yesterday morning Yenchow has been besieged but the Shantung troops in the city are offering stubborn resistance. The fall of the city is expected very soon.

PANIC IN TSINAN.

(*Wah Tsz Yat Pao.*)

SHANGHAI, April 20th.

Tsinan, the capital of Shantung province, is in a state of anxiety and confusion. Government troops stationed in the city are very few, and General Chang has left the responsibility of maintaining peace and order to the local armed merchants, volunteers and police.

General Chang Tsung Chang's family has been transferred to Tientsin from Tsinan.

COMMUNICATIONS CUT.

(*Wah Tsz Yat Pao.*)

SHANGHAI, April 20th.

On the 17th inst. the central column of Shantung troops retreated toward Chowhsien, where they are trying to resist the further advance of Southerners by arranging a strong defence line. Their communications with Tsinan have now been cut off by the Southerners. Railway and telegraphic communication between Yenchow and Chufu have been interrupted.

FURTHER LOSSES.

(*Wah Tsz Yat Pao.*)

SHANGHAI, April 20th.

General Chang Tsung Chang has transferred his headquarters to Taianfu. His army has suffered very heavily and hope of regaining their lost territories has practically disappeared.

CHANG TSO LIN'S RESISTANCE.

WAITING ON CHIHLI BORDER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, April 20th.

Hitherto no Fengtien reinforcements have been sent to Shantung, but Marshal Chang Tso Lin has been massing forces at Tehchow on the Shantung-Chihli border, straddling the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

He will meet the Nationalist advance here, should Chang Tsung Chang collapse completely.

Peking is calm, and officialdom apparently undisturbed.

PREPARED TO LEAVE PEKING?

(*Wah Tsz Yat Pao.*)

SHANGHAI, April 20th.

Marshal Chang Tso Lin has ordered that all articles of use to the military, and all ammunition, should be transferred to Fengtien in readiness to evacuate Peking if compelled to do so.

ANNIHILATION OF SUN'S ARMY.

FURTHER BIG DEFECTIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

All reports show that General Sun Chuan Fang's army of 50,000 men has been wiped out, the Nationalist occupation of Yenchowfu cutting them off from Chang Tsung Chang's Chihli forces. These troops also suffered very heavy losses.

Corruption is rife in the Northern ranks, whose 7th Army has gone over *en masse*, while there have undoubtedly been further defections on a large scale.

Japanese reports from Tsinanfu suggest that the Nationalist vanguards were yesterday approaching Taishan Hills overlooking Tsinanfu. This is borne out by the announcement of the British and American Consuls-General at Tsinanfu, who have advised nationals to leave in view of the fact that the fighting zone is moving towards the city.

FENG'S ALLIES IN CHIHLI.

(*Wah Tsz Yat Pao.*)

SHANGHAI, April 20th.

A number of plain clothes troops, working for Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang, have appeared in the vicinity of Cheongchow, on the Chihli section of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway. On the night of the 18th inst. they attempted to surprise the city but were repulsed by the Northerners in the city. Since then strict martial law has been declared both within and outside the city.

FENG'S CAPTURE OF TSINING.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

April 19th.

Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang is reported to have won a great success and has captured Tsining. His advance has continued ten miles to the northward.

Wuhan troops are reported to be moving to assist him.

JAPANESE TROOPS FOR CHINA.

LIVELY SCENES IN DIET EXPECTED.

AGAINST PEOPLE'S WISHES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, April 20th.

A special session of the Diet has been convened. The opening ceremony of the session on April 23rd is expected to be extremely lively, and will very possibly result in dissolution, or alternatively the resignation of the Government.

Votes of non-confidence in the Government collectively, and the Home Minister individually will be presented, and in addition the Government decision to despatch troops to China, though apparently approved by the majority of the Upper House, will be strongly attacked by the Minseito and others. They are expected to oppose the big expenses connected with the expedition.

In the meantime, the vernacular papers are censuring the despatch of troops, which the *Nichi Nichi* contends is clearly against the wishes of the nation.

Protect Japanese Lives.

TOKYO, April 20th.

In a statement giving the reasons for the despatch of troops to China, the Government recalls that Japan, at the time she withdrew from Shantung last year, gave warning that she was prepared to take steps to send a further expedition for the protection of Japanese lives and property, if peace and order in the locality were again disturbed.

The Government emphasises that this action does not imply any unfriendly intention towards China or interference in the military operations of either faction. It declares that the troops will be withdrawn as soon as the danger is past.

As evidence of the close division in the Diet, the Government's candidate, Hajime Motoda, was elected Speaker of the Lower House by the narrow margin of two votes, with 230 votes against his opponent's 228. The only other candidate for the post was the Proletarian, Professor Abe, who obtained seven.

Mr. Hochi was suppressed for making allegations against the Home Minister of interference in the General Election.

Martial Law At Tsingtao.

SHANGHAI, April 20th.

Martial law has been proclaimed at Tsingtao and ships are forbidden to enter or leave at night time. The American destroyers *Hulbert, Noa, Sicard, Pruitt* and *Preble* are at present at Tsingtao, but there is no British warship.

SHANGHAI, April 20th.

The Japanese landed 550 marines at Tsingtao this morning.

COMDR. DANIEL'S DECISION.

NO PROSPECTS IN SERVICE.

SERIOUS LACK OF FRANKNESS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 20th.

Commander Daniel has decided to leave the Navy and seek civil employment. He is convinced that, as a result of the court martial sentence, he has no prospect of advancement in the service.

The *Daily Chronicle*, in a leader on this subject, says the ground of Commander Daniel's decision shews that Mr. Bridgeman's statement misled the House of Commons.

It would be difficult to acquit Mr. Bridgeman of a serious lack of frankness, should the matter be raised further.

JAPANESE PROPAGANDA!

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, April 20th.

An Ankuochun spokesman has asserted that many reports of Northern reverses were Japanese propaganda, in order to justify the despatch of Japanese troops to Shantung.

It is understood that the Chinese authorities have decided to protest to the Japanese Legation about the despatch of troops.

Three companies of Japanese troops left Tientsin for Tsinan this morning. The force consisted of about 500, and included engineers and machine gunners.

EARTHQUAKE TERROR IN BALKANS.

FLOODS FOLLOW RUIN.

INHABITANTS MAD WITH FEAR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SOFIA, April 19th.

Over thirty earthquake shocks were felt in Philippopolis during the night and the casualties reported up to the present include ten killed and 50 injured.

Over a thousand buildings have been reduced to ruins, while many others are uninhabitable.

The surrounding villages have also suffered severely and there are known to have been 27 deaths in neighbouring villages.

LATER.

It is now learned that 15 were killed and over 80 injured in the Philippopolis earthquake, many being buried in the ruined buildings. Ten are known to have been killed at Papazly Village, eighteen miles away, while many have been driven mad in Tchirpan.

SOFIA, April 20th.

Except for a small area a quarter of a mile across, situated on high ground in the centre of the town, the whole of Philippopolis has suffered severely from the earthquake. A hospital and a number of churches are among the buildings destroyed and only a few houses are visible among the ruins of a score of villages.

The houses of Borgisovgrad, which escaped the first earthquake, were demolished by the later visitation. A hundred bodies have hitherto been recovered and many more are under the ruins.

After the earthquake water spouted up from fissures, inundating the country-side. The population of Sofia is still in a state of panic and families are camping in the open.

The losses in these two earthquakes are estimated at several hundred million Levas.

OFFICIAL STABBED TO DEATH.

MAHOMMEDAN OUTRAGE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CHITTAGONG, April 20th.

A Mahommedan has stabbed to death the district magistrate, Mr. G. H. W. Davies.

BRITISH CONSULATE AT NANKING.

CLAIM FOR REPARATION?

COVERED BY CHEN'S REPLY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 19th.

The occupation of the British Consulate at Nanking was mentioned in the House of Commons to-day when Mr. H. Day (Labour) asked the Foreign Secretary if a claim for reparation had been made.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson said that no specific claim for reparation for the occupation of the British Consulate at Nanking by Nationalist troops had been lodged.

His Majesty's Government, he said, regarded this matter as covered by the statement in Mr. Eugene Chen's reply of April 14th, 1927, that the Nationalist Government was prepared to make good all damage done at the British Consulate in Nanking.

Mr. Day asked for information regarding the intention of the Government to lodge a claim for compensation, and how the amount of reparation would be arrived at.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson said that negotiations were now proceeding with the Nanking Government in connection with the matter.

MANY OPIUM SEIZURES.

THE CHINA TRAFFIC.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, April 19th.

The formidable list of opium seizures reported to the League of Nations since November, 1926, formed the subject of discussion at to-day's session of the Opium Committee.

The list testified to the vigilance of the authorities in many countries to cope with the illicit traffic.

Statistics showed that there was no legitimate trade in prepared opium in China, but the amount of illicit consumption between 1921 and 1926 was unknown.

SUMMER TIME BEGINS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 19th.

"Summer-time" begins on Sunday, the clocks being put forward an hour at two o'clock in the morning.

BRITAIN'S CREDIT.

BONDS ON NEW YORK MARKET.

CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD STABILISATION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, April 20th.

The listing of British Government Bonds on the New York Stock Exchange has been most favourably commented upon as an important contribution to the internationalisation of the New York Market and to the stabilisation of the world market.

The *Herald-Tribune* dwells upon the warm reception accorded to the issue by the public, which it interprets as reflecting unbounded confidence in the credit position and financial integrity of the British Government.

ATTEMPT TO OUTLAW WAR.

FRENCH NOTE TO POWERS.

THE AMERICAN PROPOSAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, April 19th.

A French Note to be telegraphed to London, Berlin, Rome and Tokyo immediately, embodies the draft treaty outlawing war and follows the lines of the Note to America, and stipulates that its validity will depend not only on the ratification by the six Great Powers, but the accession of a number of other Powers like Poland and Czecho-Slovakia.

Limitation Of Armaments.

In the House of Commons, Commander Kenworthy (Labour) asked whether a statement could be made regarding the conversations that had taken place between the British Foreign Office and the French Foreign Ministry on the subject of the limitation of armaments by agreement, and whether the subject of submarines was investigated.

Mr. C. Locker-Lampson replied that informal discussions took place at Geneva last month to investigate the possibility of obtaining an agreement for the classification of naval armaments which could be included in the Craft Convention now being prepared by the Preparatory Commission for Disarmament Conference. No conclusions had yet been reached and it was still too early to make any statement as to the probable outcome.

The building and employment of submarines was not touched upon in those conversations.

The American Note.

A question was asked in the House of Commons as to what action the British Government was taking with respect to the Note received from the United States Government inviting adherence to a treaty for the outlawry of war.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, the Foreign Under-secretary, replied that the Note which the United States Ambassador addressed to the British Government on April 13th was receiving most careful and sympathetic attention, and would form the subject of conversations between the British Government and the Dominions.

SOLOMON ISLANDS MURDERS.

ONE NATIVE CONFESSES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TULAGI, April 19th.

A Solomon Islander named Frenl has confessed to the murder of the cadet, Mr. Lillies, during the massacre of Government officials at Malaita Island in October last year and has been sentenced to death.

Fifty other natives will be tried for the murder of native policemen at the same time.

DUNLOPS FINANCIAL GAIN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 19th.

Sir Eric Geddes has stated that the settlement of the actions between the Dunlop Rubber Co. and Sir Arthur Du Cros has resulted in a financial advantage to the Company of £350,000 sterling.

LORD EVERSLEY.

DIES AT THE AGE OF 97.

It is with much regret that we record the death which occurred yesterday, in his ninety-seventh year, of Lord Eversley, the "Father" of the House of Lords. The announcement is cabled by *Reuter*.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS AND JOHORE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 19th.

The Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial waters (Agreement) Bill passed the committee stage in the House of Lords without amendment.

INDIAN MILL STRIKE.

SITUATION WORSE.

TWENTY MILLS NOW IDLE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BOMBAY, April 20th.

The mill strike situation is growing worse, and in consequence strikers are succeeding in calling out other workers.

Twenty mills are now idle and 40,000 are on strike. This is twice the number that came out on strike on April 16th, and the news comes as something of a surprise after yesterday's report that 15,000 had returned to work.

"MISHANDLING" BY GOVERNMENT.

MR. BALDWIN'S AMUSEMENT.

RUBBER DEBATE NEXT THURSDAY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 19th.

The Rt. Hon. Mr. J. R. Clynes asked in the House of Commons today for an early date to be fixed for the Opposition debate on the "mishandling by the Government of the rubber question."

Mr. Stanley Baldwin replied that he was so attracted by the title of the discussion (laughter) that he would like it to be heard at the earliest possible date.

He promised to afford an early date but said that the House would not be furnished with the Civil Research Committee's report on which the Government decision was taken, prior to the debate.

Later it was announced that the Premier had fixed April 26th for the rubber debate.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is expected to lead the Opposition attack.

AMERICAN TREATY.

DRAFT SUBMITTED TO LEAGUE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, April 19th.

With a view to avoiding misunderstanding, the United States Consul has unofficially communicated to the League Secretariat a draft of Mr. Kellogg's Treaty for outlawing war.

RELIC OF THE FALKLANDS BATTLE.

GERMAN CRUISERS' MESS PLATE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SYDNEY, April 19th.

The mess plate of the German cruisers *Scharnhorst* and *Leipsic*, which were destroyed in the Battle of the Falklands, is being returned to the German Government as an act of grace.

How the plate came to Sydney is a mystery. It is supposed that it was left at the Carolines by the Germans for safety and found its way to Australia after the Japanese occupation of the islands.

It was discovered several years ago in a dealer's shop when Customs officials seized it on the ground that it was liable to duty.

GUNMAN PAYS THE PENALTY.

ILLINOIS MURDERER HANGED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, April 19th.

A message from Benton, Illinois, states that Charles Birger, the leader of the gang warfare which cost Illinois a score of lives and who was sentenced to death on July 27th last year for the murder, committed in December 1926, of Mr. Adams, the Mayor of West City, who was most active in suppressing rum-runners, was hanged to-day.

"ASIATIC PRINCE."

FEARED LOSS WITH ALL HANDS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 19th.

The feared loss with all hands in a Pacific gale of the fine Prince Line motor-vessel, the *Asiatic Prince*, seems, unhappily, to be only too true.

A message received from Barry states that American destroyers have returned to Honolulu after a week's vain search for a sign of the liner.

She left Los Angeles for Yokohama with a crew of 22 British and 30 Chinese, and nothing has been heard of the vessel since her master sent out an S.O.S. signal. She is fourteen days overdue at Yokohama.

U.S. BANK RE-DISCOUNT RATE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, April 19th.

The Federal Reserve Banks at Boston and Chicago have established their re-discount rate at 4½ per cent.

SOVIET FINANCE IRISH GUNMEN.

NOTES TRACED TO RUSSIAN BANK.

FOMENTING REVOLUTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 19th.

The discovery that the London arms conspiracy was probably instigated by Russia was disclosed in the House of Commons to-day, when in reply to questions, Sir William Joynson-Hicks confirmed that a number of Bank of England notes found in the possession of the three Irish gunmen arrested on March 27th have been traced back to a Russian bank in Britain.

The Home Secretary said that in consequence of the establishment of this fact, he was making inquiries into the circumstances, but he expressed himself as satisfied that Russian money was being used in attempts to foment revolutionary action in Great Britain.

Arms Dumps In London.

The three Irishmen arrested were Michael O'Flanagan, Laurence Godfrey and Michael Burke. They were sentenced at Marlborough Street for the possession of firearms. During subsequent inquiries, the Police discovered a large number of arms dumps in London, but succeeded in dispersing the gang at work.

Soviet Intrigue Abroad.

"I have the most complete evidence that a large number of Treasury Notes issued by a Russian Bank in Britain have passed into the possession of the Communist Party and from thence to the Communist organisers all over Britain," said Sir William Joynson Hicks, speaking at Leamington, and amplifying his statement in the House of Commons.

He referred at length to the Soviet intrigues abroad, drawing particular attention to China, where, he said, the position had much improved because China had discovered Moscow's aims.

"But their crimes and murders will continue and that kind of thing has got to stop. It has stopped momentarily in China, but the Soviet machinations have recently been apparent in Japan."

Revolutionary Action.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

The Home Secretary was asked in the Commons by Mr. G. M. Kindersley whether in view of the fact that Bank of England notes found on persons described as Irish gunmen arrested before Easter for being in illegal possession of firearms had had been traced to Russian banking institutions in Britain, he would make inquiries as to whether any monies standing to the credit of Russian trading organisations in this country were being used in attempts to organise revolutionary action.

The Home Secretary replied that Mr. Kindersley's information was correct. He was constantly making inquiries and was satisfied that Russian money was being used in the way suggested.

[The account of the arrest of the Irish gunmen, as given in the home papers, will be found on page 1.]

MARKS FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE.

EGGS AND FRUIT GRADED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, April 19th.

Lieut.-Col. W. E. Guinness, the Minister for Agriculture, moved in the House of Commons, the second reading of the Bill for the grading and marking of agricultural produce, which has already passed the House of Lords.

He said it was proposed to start immediately with two branches of products. Schemes had already been developed for marking eggs and had been approved by the interests concerned.

Different grades had also been worked out for fruit and a scheme for applying these grades had been provisionally agreed upon with the National Farmers' Union.

The Bill gave the Minister of Agriculture power to define the grades and prescribe the designation marks.

It was proposed that the use of marks should be controlled by a national committee which would be advised by trade committees representing the various commodities interested. Preserved and cold-stored eggs would be marked as a protection for the producers and the consumers of new laid eggs.

The operation of such marking would, however, be dependent upon an order being put into force for a similar marking of foreign eggs.

The second reading was passed.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S ARRANGEMENTS.

TWO CHARITY GAMES.

To-day, on the Hong Kong F.C. ground, two games will be played. The receipts are being handed over to H.M.S. *Hermes* for the dependants of the late Telegraphist Jackson.

The band of H.M.S. *Hermes* will play on the ground before the kick off and during the intervals.

Mrs. R. M. Dyer will present the Lai Wah Cup to the winners of Army *v.* Civilians game.

LAI WAH CUP COMPETITION—FINAL.

Kick-off at 5 p.m.

Army (holders) *v.* Civilians. Referee: Mr. F. Smith. Linesmen: Mr. J. W. Baldwin and S. Sgt. Gilbert, R.A.O.C.

The following have been selected to play in the final:—

Army:—C. S. M. Anderson (K.O.S.B.s); Gdsmn. Hurst (Scots Guards) and Pte. Martin (K.O.S.B.s); St. Hill (Queen's Regt.), S. Sgt. Sims (R.A.M.C.) and Gdsmn. Carswell (Scots Guards); Pte. Campbell (K.O.S.B.s), Gdsmn. Aird (Scots Guards), Sgt. Leach (R.A.) and Sgt. McGlinchey and Pte. Alexander (K.O.S.B.).

Civilians:—Clarke (H.K. Police); Wheeler (Kowloon F.C.) and Bishop (H. K. F. C.); McGreavy (H.K. Police), McKelvie (Kowloon F.C.) and Watson (H.K.F.C.); Pile and Howarth (Hong Kong Police), Gosano, Rocha and Brown (Club de Recreio).

The Lai Wah Co. presented the cup to the H.K.F.A. in 1925. The H.K.F.A. arranges the competition and the Navy, Army, Civilians and China are asked annually to compete in the competition.

Previous winners of the Competition are:—

1925. Civilians.
1926. Civilians.
1927. Army.

In the semi-finals, the Civilians beat the Navy and the Army beat the Chinese in the replay.

The game will be of ninety minutes duration and extra time, if necessary, will be played.

At 3.30 p.m. the Navy will play the China Athletic.

The Navy's selected side is:—Brockman (*Titania*); Barkham and Baker (Capt.), (*Titania*); Williams (*Durban*), Perks (*Berwick*) and Sturdyman (*Hermes*); Van Trom and Firth (*Hermes*), Kennedy (*Berwick*), Simmonds (*Foxglove*) and Shewbrook (*Hermes*). Reserves: Allen and Goodridge (*Hermes*), Kernick (Submarine *L.19*) and McHardy (*Durban*).

HOME FOOTBALL.

NOTES ON PLAY AND PLAYERS.

Rawlings, the Southampton international centre-forward, who led the English attack against Scotland and Wales in 1922, has been transferred to Manchester United, at, it is understood, a substantial fee. Last season Rawlings was the leading scorer for Southampton with 23 goals, and he played in 38 League matches. Standing 5ft. 10in., he weighs 12st. 6lb., and is a strong, bustling forward of marked shooting ability.

Portsmouth have signed on Henderson, a South Shields half-back, and Southend United have secured Jarvie, the Portsmouth reserve goalkeeper.

David Brown, the centre-forward who while with Darlington established a record by scoring 39 goals in League matches during the season of 1924-25, has severed his connection with Barrow.

W. McCracken has been re engaged as manager to Hull City. His original agreement for a period of five years terminated at the end of March.

Southport have parted with T. Tait, their centre forward, to Manchester City. Tait has scored ten goals for Southport this season in the League, and he was the club's best forward. Manchester paid more for him than has ever previously been paid to Southport for one of its players. He went to the seaside club only last October from Middlesbrough.

Huddersfield Town have signed on James Smailes, outside left, as a professional. As an amateur he deputised for Smith against Sunderland. Smailes, who comes from Tow Law, Durham, is 20, stands 5ft. 4in., and weighs 10st. 7lb.

Francis Harris, an inside forward from Cradley Heath, the Birmingham League club, has been transferred to Cardiff City. Harris, who stands 5ft. 10½in., is a prolific goal-scorer. He toured America last year with the Worcester club.

John Finlayson, who at one time was a prominent player with Luton Town, Middlesbrough, and Bristol St. George's clubs, has died at Cowes at the age of 57.

(*Continued on next Column*).

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

SUNDAY'S STARTING TIMES AT FANLING.

9.24 a.m. F. A. Redmond and E. Des Vœux.
9.28 ,, T. Christie and L. R. Andrewes.
9.32 ,, W. K. Tait and R. Warbrick.
9.36 ,, S. T. Butlin and H. R. Forsyth.
9.40 ,, M. G. Hills and W. K. Dunscombe.
9.44 ,, W. A. Butterfield and H. R. Sturt.
9.48 ,, A. D. Humphreys and A. E. Lissaman.
9.52 ,, L. Yates and E. Stone.
9.56 ,, A. R. Cox and J. S. Dykes.
10.00 ,, F. A. Merry and D. W. Beamish.
10.04 ,, E. R. Hallifax and Sir J. H. Kemp.
10.08 ,, H. C. Hull and F. G. Fowle.
10.12 ,, J. Cameron and G. H. Bell.
10.16 ,, T. D. E. Pendered and E. D. Lawrence.
10.20 ,, G. S. Hugh Jones and E. P. Fletcher.
10.24 ,, D. M. Goodall and A. J. Frank.
10.28 ,, S. A. Arthur and E. C. Frederick.
10.32 ,, G. E. Ellams and C. B. Brown.
10.36 ,, A. Leach and E. M. G. Graves.
10.40 ,, W. M. Lyons and J. H. M. Andrew.
10.44 ,, W. A. Weight and J. P. Sherry.
10.48 ,, J. Coulthart and A. P. Bungey.
10.52 ,, A. B. Purves and M. H. Roffey.

YACHTING.

THE CLOSING EVENTS.

EIGHT ROWING RACES.

The programme drawn up for the Royal Yacht Club's closing events to be held on next Saturday, the 28th instant, is given as under, with two additional sailing races.

2.45 p.m., the 4th Submarine Flotilla Cup for Hong *v.* Services Fours (1 mile).

3.15 p.m., The Dennison Cup for Junior Pairs (¾ mile).

3.45 p.m., The Stock Exchange Cup for Club *v.* Services Fours (1 mile).

4.00 p.m., Race for Naval Whalers manned by naval ratings (1 mile).

4.15 p.m., The Smith Challenge Cup for Senior Pairs (¾ mile).

4.45 p.m., The Murdock Kennett Cup for Club *v.* Senior Pairs (¾ mile).

5.00 p.m., Race for boat boys.

Training for these events is in full swing and the Scots Guards H.M.S. *Titania*, Taikoo, the "Electric" crews, and the "Club's" crew have been out daily.

The Scots Guards are pulling well together with a long and easy stroke, the Taikoo have made a change in the bow and have shown great improvement. The Electric Crews are also taking their training seriously. They have Mr. Easterbrook coaching them and they should do well.

The "Club" change of stroke has improved matters and they have been coached by the Very Rev. Dean Swann, an old Cambridge Rowing Blue, and Mr. H. Dreyer. There should be a very fast race between the Army, Navy and the Club.

Glasgow Rangers have reported favourably on the terms submitted for a tour in the U.S.A. and Canada next summer, and tentative arrangements have been made for a party of 20 to leave Scotland on May 1st, with games scheduled for Toronto and Montreal.

Chesterfield have secured the signature of Charles Hooper, inside-left or inside-right, who was with Notts County last season. A native of Darlington, he is a brother of Mark Hooper, Sheffield Wednesday's outside-right. He is in his 22nd year, stands 5ft. 8in., and scales 11st. Prior to going to Notts County he was with Lincoln City, and had also assisted Crook Town.

Preston North End have signed as a professional James Lumsden, a Scottish junior inside forward. He is a brother of Robert Lumsden, who recently signed for Luton Town.

Secretary for Leicester "Tigers" R.F.C. for over 30 years, Mr. Thomas H. Crumbie, 60, has died after an illness extending over several years, at his home in Leicester. He was mainly instrument in securing for Leicester the second finest enclosure in the country. During the war Mr. Crumbie organised a howitzer brigade, two heavy batteries, a battalion of Leicestershire pioneers, and Leicestershire Junior Training Corps. While of many activities, he lived most for his football club. He was a speedy three-quarter in his early days.

THE TENNIS LEAGUE.

FIXTURES FOR THE SEASON.

PLAYERS AND PROSPECTS.

The League Matches organised annually by the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association will commence in the first week of the next month and below will be found the fixtures for the current season. The programme is unsually long and extents from May 5th to August 11th, without providing for any postponement on account of rain which will inevitably interfere in the summer months.

Already the players of the different Clubs are on the courts and keen competition is anticipated. The Chinese Recreation Club are the holders of the Shields for the last two years, and, at the present time they are favourites again. Last year they won the "B" Division after beating the Recreio by one solitary game in the final match and the Portuguese are all out to succeed this year.

Chief honours will naturally be for the "A" Division in which seven clubs are competing. The Chinese, it is reported, will be without the Lo brothers on account of their recent family bereavement. Their absence would certainly weaken the side considerably and leave the competition very open. The Indians will not have as strong a team as they had in former years and it is doubtful if they can hold their runners-up position as H. D. Rumjahn and J. A. Cassumbhoy have left them for Craigengower. Craigengower are building hopes for the Shield on the inclusion of these two players and their team will probably consist of H. D. Rumjahn, J. A. Cassumbhoy, T. Lay, J. Leonard, G. Bodiker and Dr. S. A. M. Sepher.

University, can also produce a very strong team and although it is now too early to make any forecast, they should be able to make a bold bid for the Shield. With Dr. Tottenham, Prof. Redmond, A. A. Rumjahn, Lim Peng Chin, K. T. San and Chong Tuck Wing they have one of the strongest teams among individual clubs.

The fixtures for the season follow:—

"A" Division.

May 5th:—
Craigengower *v.* Kowloon C.C.
Chinese R.C. *v.* University.
Hong Kong C.C. *v.* Indian R.C.

May 12th:—
Chinese R.C. *v.* Craigengower.
Kowloon C.C. *v.* University.
M.B.K. *v.* Indian R.C.

May 19th:—
Craigengower *v.* University.
Chinese R.C. *v.* Kowloon C.C.
Hong Kong C.C. *v.* M.B.K.

May 26th:—
Indian R.C. *v.* Craigengower.
Kowloon C.C. *v.* Hong Kong C.C.
M.B.K. *v.* Chinese R.C.

June 2nd:—
Craigengower *v.* H.K.C.C.
Kowloon C.C. *v.* Indian R.C.
University *v.* M.B.K.

June 9th:—
M.B.K. *v.* Craigengower.
Indian R.C. *v.* Chinese R.C.
University *v.* Hong Kong C.C.

June 16th:—
Kowloon C.C. *v.* M.B.K.
Hong Kong C.C. *v.* Chinese R.C.
University *v.* Indian R.C.

"B" Division.

May 5th:—
M.B.K. *v.* Hong Kong C.C.
Kowloon C.C. *v.* Indian R.C.
South China A.A. *v.* Royal Engineers.
Recreio *v.* Craigengower.
University *v.* Nippon Club.

May 12th:—
Indian R.C. *v.* M.B.K.
H.K.C.C. *v.* K.C.C.
University *v.* Craigengower.
Nippon Club *v.* Recreio.
Chinese R.C. *v.* R. Engineers.

May 19th:—
M.B.K. *v.* Kowloon C.C.
Indian R.C. *v.* H.K.C.C.
Nippon Club *v.* South China A.A.
Recreio *v.* R. Engineers.
Craigengower *v.* Chinese R.C.

May 26th:—
South China A.A. *v.* M.B.K.
H.K.C.C. *v.* Recreio.
Chinese R.C. *v.* Indian R.C.
University *v.* Kowloon C.C.
R. Engineers *v.* Craigengower.

June 2nd:—
M.B.K. *v.* Recreio.
Craigengower *v.* S.C.A.A.
Indian R.C. *v.* University.
Chinese R.C. *v.* Kowloon C.C.
Nippon Club *v.* R. Engineers.

June 9th:—
Chinese R.C. *v.* M.B.K.
H.K.C.C. *v.* University.
S.C.A.A. *v.* Indian R.C.
Kowloon C.C. *v.* Recreio.
Craigengower *v.* Nippon Club.

June 16th:—
R. Engineers *v.* University.
H.K.C.C. *v.* Chinese R.C.
Indian R.C. *v.* Recreio.
S.C.A.A. *v.* Kowloon C.C.
M.B.K. *v.* Nippon Club.

June 23rd:—
M.B.K. *v.* R. Engineers.
Craigengower *v.* H.K.C.C.
Nippon Club *v.* Indian R.C.
Recreio *v.* S.C.A.A.
University *v.* Chinese R.C.

June 30th:—
M.B.K. *v.* Craigengower.
H.K.C.C. *v.* R. Engineers.
Kowloon C.C. *v.* Nippon Club.
Chinese R.C. *v.* S.C.A.A.
University *v.* Recreio.

July 7th:—
Nippon Club *v.* H.K.C.C.
R. Engineers *v.* Indian R.C.
Kowloon C.C. *v.* Craigengower.
University *v.* S.C.A.A.
Recreio *v.* Chinese R.C.

July 14th:—
Chinese R.C. *v.* Nippon Club.
Craigengower *v.* Indian R.C.
Kowloon C.C. *v.* R. Engineers.
M.B.K. *v.* University.
H.K.C.C. *v.* S.C.A.A.

"C" Division.

May 5th:—
R.A.O.C. *v.* South China A.A.
Indian R.C. *v.* Chinese R.C. "A."
Filipino Club *v.* Recreio "B."
Recreio "A" *v.* Hong Kong C.C.
Kowloon C.C. *v.* Nippon Club.
Kennedy Road M.Q. *v.* Kowloon Indian T.C.
Y.M.C.A. *v.* R.A.M.C.
Civil Service *v.* Recreio "B."

May 19th:—
R.A.O.C. *v.* Chinese R.C. "A."
S.C.A.A. *v.* Indian R.C.
Recreio "A" *v.* Filipino Club.
H.K.C.C. *v.* Recreio "B."
Kennedy Road M.Q. *v.* K.C.C.
Kowloon Indian T.C. *v.* Nippon Club.
Y.M.C.A. *v.* Recreio "B."
R.A.M.C. *v.* Civil Service C.C.

May 19th:—
R.A.O.C. *v.* Indian R.C.
S.C.A.A. *v.* Chinese R.C. "A."
H.K.C.C. *v.* Filipino Club.
Recreio "A" *v.* Recreio "B."
Kowloon C.C. *v.* Kowloon Indian R.C.
Y.M.C.A. *v.* Nippon Club.
Kennedy Road M.Q. *v.* Civil Service C.C.
Chinese R.C. "B" *v.* R.A.M.C.

May 26th:—
Filipino Club *v.* R.A.O.C.
Recreio "B" *v.* S.C.A.A.
Chinese R.C. "A" *v.* Recreio "A."
H.K.C.C. *v.* Indian R.C.
Kowloon C.C. *v.* Y.M.C.A.
Nippon Club *v.* C.S.C.C.
Kennedy Road M.Q. *v.* Chinese R.C. "B."
Kowloon Indian T.C. *v.* R.A.M.C.

June 2nd:—
R.A.O.C. *v.* Recreio "B."
S.C.A.A. *v.* Filipino Club.
H.K.C.C. *v.* Chinese R.C. "A."
Recreio "A" *v.* Indian R.C.
Kowloon C.C. *v.* Civil Service.
Chinese R.C. "B" *v.* Nippon Club.
Kennedy Road M.Q. *v.* R.A.M.C.
Kowloon Indian T.C. *v.* Y.M.C.A.

June 9th:—
Recreio "A" *v.* R.A.O.C.
H.K.C.C. *v.* S.C.A.A.
Filipino Club *v.* C.R.C. "A."
Recreio "B" *v.* Indian R.C.
K.C.C. *v.* C.R.C. "B."
R.A.M.C. *v.* Nippon Club.
Kennedy Rd. M.Q. *v.* Y.M.C.A.
C.S.C.C. *v.* Kowloon Indian T.C.

June 16th:—
R.A.O.C. *v.* H.K.C.C.
Recreio "A" *v.* S.C.A.A.
C.R.C. "A" *v.* Recreio "B."
Filipino Club *v.* Indian R.C.
K.C.C. *v.* R.A.M.C.
Nippon Club *v.* Kennedy Road M.Q.
C.R.C. "B" *v.* Kowloon Indian T.C.
C.S.C.C. *v.* Y.M.C.A.

June 23rd:—
K.C.C. *v.* R.A.O.C.
S.C.A.A. *v.* Nippon Club.
Kennedy Road M.Q. *v.* C.R.C. "A."
Indian R.C. *v.* Kowloon Indian T.C.
Y.M.C.A. *v.* Filipino Club.
C.S.C.C. *v.* Recreio "B."
C.R.C. "B" *v.* Recreio "A."
R.A.M.C. *v.* H.K.C.C.

June 30th:—
R.A.O.C. *v.* Nippon Club.
S.C.A.A. *v.* K.C.C.
Kowloon Indian T.C. *v.* C.R.C. "A."
Kennedy Rd. M.Q. *v.* I.R.C.
Filipino Club *v.* C.S.C.C.
Recreio "A" *v.* R.A.M.C.
Recreio "B" *v.* H.K.C.C.
Y.M.C.A. *v.* C.R.C. "B."

July 7th:—
R.A.O.C. *v.* Kennedy Rd. M.Q.
S.C.A.A. *v.* Kowloon Indian T.C.
C.R.C. "A" *v.* K.C.C.
Indian R.C. *v.* Nippon Club.
Filipino Club *v.* C.R.C. "B."
Recreio "B" *v.* R.A.M.C.
Y.M.C.A. *v.* Recreio "A."
H.K.C.C. *v.* C.S.C.C.

July 14th:—
Kowloon Indian T.C. *v.* R.A.O.C.
Kennedy Rd. M.Q. *v.* S.C.A.A.
Nippon Club *v.* C.R.C. "A."
Indian R.C. *v.* Kowloon C.C.
R.A.M.C. *v.* Nippon Club.
Kennedy Rd. M.Q. *v.* Y.M.C.A.
C.S.C.C. *v.* Kowloon Indian T.C.

June 16th:—
R.A.O.C. *v.* H.K.C.C.
Recreio "A" *v.* S.C.A.A.
C.R.C. "A" *v.* Recreio "B."
Filipino Club *v.* Indian R.C.
K.C.C. *v.* R.A.M.C.
Nippon Club *v.* Kennedy Road M.Q.
C.R.C. "B" *v.* Kowloon Indian T.C.
C.S.C.C. *v.* Y.M.C.A.

June 23rd:—
K.C.C. *v.* R.A.O.C.
S.C.A.A. *v.* Nippon Club.
Kennedy Road M.Q. *v.* C.R.C. "A."
Indian R.C. *v.* Kowloon Indian T.C.
Y.M.C.A. *v.* Filipino Club.
C.S.C.C. *v.* Recreio "B."
C.R.C. "B" *v.* Recreio "A."
R.A.M.C. *v.* H.K.C.C.

June 30th:—
R.A.O.C. *v.* Nippon Club.
S.C.A.A. *v.* K.C.C.
Kowloon Indian T.C. *v.* C.R.C. "A."
Kennedy Rd. M.Q. *v.* I.R.C.
Filipino Club *v.* C.S.C.C.
Recreio "A" *v.* R.A.M.C.
Recreio "B" *v.* H.K.C.C.
Y.M.C.A. *v.* C.R.C. "B."

July 7th:—
R.A.O.C. *v.* Kennedy Rd. M.Q.
S.C.A.A. *v.* Kowloon Indian T.C.
C.R.C. "A" *v.* K.C.C.
Indian R.C. *v.* Nippon Club.
Filipino Club *v.* C.R.C. "B."
Recreio "B" *v.* R.A.M.C.
Y.M.C.A. *v.* Recreio "A."
H.K.C.C. *v.* C.S.C.C.

July 14th:—
Kowloon Indian T.C. *v.* R.A.O.C.
Kennedy Rd. M.Q. *v.* S.C.A.A.
Nippon Club *v.* C.R.C. "A."
Indian R.C. *v.* Kowloon C.C.
R.A.M.C. *v.* Nippon Club.
Kennedy Rd. M.Q. *v.* Y.M.C.A.
C.S.C.C. *v.* Kowloon Indian T.C.

July 21st:—
R.A.O.C. *v.* Y.M.C.A.
C.S.C.C. *v.* S.C.A.A.
C.R.C. "A" *v.* C.R.C. "B."
R.A.M.C. *v.* Indian R.C.
Kowloon C.C. *v.* Filipino C.C.
Recreio "B" *v.* Nippon Club.
Recreio "A" *v.* Kennedy Road M.Q.
H.K.C.C. *v.* Kowloon Indian T.C.

July 28th:—
C.S.C.C. *v.* R.A.O.C.
Y.M.C.A. *v.* S.C.A.A.
R.A.M.C. *v.* C.R.C. "A."
C.R.C. "B" *v.* Indian R.C.
Filipino Club *v.* Nippon Club.
Recreio "B" *v.* Kowloon C.C.
Kowloon Indian T.C. *v.* Recreio "A."
Kennedy Rd. M.Q. *v.* H.K.C.C.

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VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

YESTERDAY'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

MONEY FOR IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED.

The annual general meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club, postponed last month owing to inability to form a quorum, was held at the Club house yesterday when the reports and statement of accounts for 1927, extracts from which have already been published in the *Daily Press*, were considered. Mr. W. Logan presided and was supported by Mr. C. J. Cooke (Hon. Secretary), Mr. O. D. Stewart (Hon. Treasurer), and members of the Committee.

Before proceeding to the business of the meeting, the Chairman referred to the deaths of three very much respected members and ex-members since the last meeting, namely, Capt. D. C. Logan, M.C., Mr. Frank Lammert and Mr. J. L. de S. Alves. A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives, the members standing.

Reviewing the accounts, the Chairman said that, considering the bad times, the profit for the year was satisfactory. The accounts were adopted without comment.

Members' Help Needed.

Certain defects in the design of the building and the arrangement of shower baths, water closets, servants' quarters, etc., had been brought to the notice of the Committee. They realised the need, but there were no funds to carry out the work. These defects should be remedied without delay. If each of the 200 members brought in a new member, there would be an increase in income of $8,000 a year which will help in carrying out the necessary work. The members had a fine Club with many attractions for a small cost of $1.60 a month and the Chairman hoped that they would assist the Club in getting over the difficulties.

Australian Swimmers' Thanks.

A letter from Australia expressing thanks and appreciation for all the Club had done in making the stay of the Australian swimmers' pleasant when they passed through the Colony on their way to Japan and back was read.

The Chairmanship.

Copies of cables exchanged with the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G., at present on leave, inviting him to accept the chairmanship for a further term were read. A vote of acclamation was passed for the reply accepting the position.

Office Bearers.

The Chairman expressed thanks to Mr. C. J. Cooke for his hard work as Honorary Secretary and the amount of money he had saved for the Club, thanks to his knowledge of engineering and draughtsmanship. Members supported the Chairman's remarks and Mr. Cooke was re-elected as Honorary Secretary. Mr. A. D. Stewart was re-elected as Honorary Treasurer. Votes of thanks were passed to these officers and also to Mr. G. T. May for his valuable assistance.

The following officers were elected to the Committees:—

General Committee:—Messrs. A. F. B. Silva-Netto, A. A. Alves, W. Logan, W. Anderson, G. R. Razavet, D. Lyon, P. W. Ramsay, P. A. Dixon and J. R. Soares.

Balloting Committee:—Messrs. C. Bond, S. A. Marcal, B. J. Moore, H. Hyndman, W. Ward, J. M. M. Alves, F. Lenfesty, D. Laing, F. Eaves and J. Victor.

HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

The Health Bulletin of Eastern Port for the week ending April 14th states:—

Plague.

Aden: 108 cases, 97 deaths.
Bassein. 4 deaths.
Bombay. 15 deaths.
Rangoon. 5 deaths.
Cheribon: 1 infected rat.

Cholera.

Bassein: 20 deaths.
Calcutta: 111 deaths.
Madras: 4 deaths.
Negapatam: 1 case.
Rangoon: 2 deaths.
Tuticorin: 43 cases, 28 deaths.
Pondicherry: 2 cases, 2 deaths.
Bangkok: 24 cases, 17 deaths.
Saigon: 50 cases, 37 deaths.

Small-pox.

Alexandria: 1 case.
Suez: 1 case.
Bombay: 56 cases, 33 deaths.
Calcutta: 49 cases, 33 deaths.
Madras: 49 cases, 16 deaths.
Moulmein: 4 cases, 3 deaths.
Negapatam: 1 case, 1 death.
Rangoon: 62 cases.
Pondicherry: 12 cases, 12 deaths.
Singapore: 2 cases.
Belawan-Deli: 2 cases, 2 deaths.
Bandjermasin: 1 case.
Shanghai: 3 deaths.
Canton: 1 case.
Osaka: 11 cases.
Shimonoseki: 2 cases.
Dairen: 7 cases.

BOXING.

SOME NEW PERFORMERS.

BRILLIANT FINAL PROGRAMME.

The Hong Kong Boxing Association have arranged a brilliant final programme for the last meeting of the season at the Lee Theatre, Percival Street, on Saturday, April 28th. Patrons are reminded that the start is at 9.15 p.m. sharp. This is positively the last meeting of the season and the Association has arranged an all star grand finale.

The leading bout of the evening is the 15 rounds light weight contest for the championship of the Colony and belt. In this Stoker Lake, the light weight champion of the Colony and of China, which he won in Shanghai, will meet A. B. Davies of H.M.S. *Hermes*, who comes out from home with a big reputation as a fine fighter.

Among other contestants, Marine Smith, the light-heavy weight champion of the Navy and Marines will meet the Navy star, A. B. Bromley, of H.M.S. *Wishart*, while Leading Seaman Hall will meet A.B. Mudge of H.M.S. *Berwick*. A. B. Mudge, who has only just arrived on the station, is the Imperial Services Featherweight Champion, and this fight should be full of interest.

In another bout the ex-featherweight champion of the Colony, Stoker Britt, meets Private Hume of the K.O.S.B., who is generally considered to be their best feather weight.

In all, this last Tournament of the season promises also to be the best, and enthusiasts would be very ill advised to miss it.

Programme.

15 ROUND LIGHT WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY AND BELT.

Stoker Lake (H.M.S. *Durban*) v. A. B. Davies (H.M.S. *Hermes*).

10 ROUND LIGHT-HEAVY WEIGHT CONTEST.

Marine Smith (H.M.S. *Hermes*) v. A. B. Bromley (H.M.S. *Wishart*).

6 ROUND LIGHT WEIGHT CONTEST.

L. S. Hall (H.M.S. *Titania*) v. A. B. Mudge (H.M.S. *Berwick*).

6 ROUND FEATHER WEIGHT CONTEST.

Stoker Britt (H.M.S. *Durban*) v. Pte. Hume (K.O.S.B.).

6 ROUND BANTAM WEIGHT CONTEST.

Stoker Walters (H.M.S. *Hermes*) v. Bdsman. McConnell (K.O.S.B.).

WOMAN SENTENCED TO DEATH.

FIVE MEN AND WOMAN.

GANG OF SHANGHAI KIDNAPPERS.

A Chinese woman, the wife of a dead leader of kidnappers, was sentenced to death at the Provisional Court on Saturday, along with five male members of the gang. The Court dismissed the charges against eight others, but ordered the prisoners to be held in custody, pending an appeal by the Police.

This is the first instance since the institution of the Provisional Court that a woman has been sentenced to death. Accused is believed to be the only woman charged with kidnapping to be sentenced to death by any legally instituted civil court in China. Not since 1910 has a woman been sentenced to death by the local courts. This was before the Revolution. The Mixed Court, in its 14 years of existence, did not order any woman to be handed over for execution.

The crime with which the gang are charged was committed on February 29th, when they kidnapped the son of a business man on Brenan Road. The police received information of the gang's whereabouts and on March 11th early in the morning, raided the house situated, at 704 Taku Road, arresting six of the gang and releasing the boy. Detectives remained on the premises and when the leader returned later in th day, they shot him when he resisted arrest. Others were arrested in Chapei and in the Settlement.

During the course of the long trial in which Det.-Inspr. Quayle was the chief witness, the police made application that payment should be stopped on a deposit made by the gang of $20,000 in a Chinese bank. The money is now being held by the Court.

August 4th:—
R.A.O.C. *v.* C.R.C. "B."
R.A.M.C. *v.* S.C.A.A.
C.R.C. "A" *v.* Y.M.C.A.
C.S.C.C. *v.* Indian R.C.
Filipino Club *v.* Kennedy Road M.Q.
Recreio "B" *v.* Kowloon Indian T.C.
Kowloon C.C. *v.* Recreio "A."
Nippon Club *v.* H.K.C.C.

August 11th:—
R.A.M.C. *v.* R.A.O.C.
S.C.A.A. *v.* C.R.C. "B."
C.S.C.C. *v.* C.R.C. "A"
Y.M.C.A. *v.* Indian R.C.
Kowloon Indian T.C. *v.* Filipino Club.
Kennedy Road M.Q. *v.* Recreio "B."
Recreio "A" *v.* Nippon Club.
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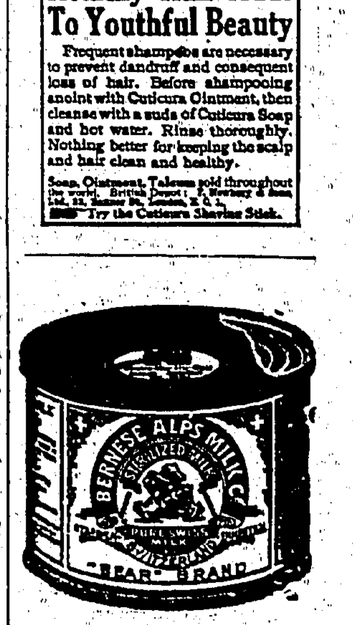


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CHARLES SIMS.

A PLEASANT DRAWING ROOM ARTIST.

The death of Charles Sims, R.A., which was reported by *Reuter* on Wednesday will mean a loss to many others besides his brothers of the Royal Academy of Artists.

Sims is one of the last of the old guard, of those artists who were content to produce what the bulk of the public likes—a pretty picture which can be understood by everyone, tells a pretty story, and is a pleasant adornment for any drawing room.

The inclusion of men like Augustus John in the academy really sounded the death knell of this school of drawing-room painters. Whatever may happen in the future the art world and lost of all Burlington House has accepted the new technique and very few people who have any pretensions to artistic knowledge dare admit more than a liking for the work of men like the late Mr. Sims.

It would not be fair, however, to judge Sims entirely on those works of his which were hung in the temple of British art, and even among those there was much more than most of his admirers probably realised. His society portraits had a certain delicacy which raised them above the ranks of coloured and well varnished photographs for which many sitters appear to have a predeliction, though they did not have either the spirituality or the character drawing of McEvoy's portraits.

It is perhaps his subject pictures, especially those in which use is made of the play of sunlight through foliage on the semi-nude human figure that Sims' claim to be something more than an efficient craftsman lies. But even in most of these the whole effect is too lacking in vigour to please any except those to whom it is enough that a picture should be pretty.

Sims whatever his art may have lacked was sincere, and because he was sincere and did not try to adopt a new technique which he could not appreciate, his pictures will be remembered long after the work of all the imitation John and Gaugins has been burnt.

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SINGAPORE TELEPHONES.

AUTOMATIC SYSTEM.

LOCAL COMPANY'S WELCOME DECISION.

SINGAPORE, April 13th.

Another stage in the modernisation of Singapore is marked by the decision of the Oriental Telephone and Electric Company to change over the local telephone system to automatic working.

Mr. J. D. Pierrepont, the local manager of the company, informs us, states the *Straits Times*, that the transfer will take place on January 1st, 1930, when Singapore will then have a telephone system of the very latest design, to accommodation 6,600 lines, with an ultimate capacity of 10,000 lines.

The existing central exchange has a capacity of 5,000 lines which will be fully taken up by the end of 1929. It was the original intention of the company to erect an automatic exchange for future requirements, and retain the present manual exchange until it had served its full economic life, but the automatic, with manual automatic plant worked conjointly, involves a large increase in the operating staff and, as the company already has extreme difficulty in obtaining its present requirements, despite an increased scale of pay, it has been decided to tackle the full automatic scheme at once.

A British System.

After considering the various types of automatic equipment (Mr. Pierrepont has seen many automatic installations in England and on the Continent while on leave) the company has decided to adopt the system used by the British Post Office, which is known as the "step by step" system. The new equipment will be of British manufacture and it will be supplied and installed by the General Electric Company. A similar system was recently supplied by the General Electric Company, to the company's associated branch in Madras, where the automatic system is giving complete satisfaction. It will, of course, be possible to dispense with the services of a large proportion of the present exchange operators and they will be granted bonuses in proportion to the length of their service.

Under the automatic system, a four digit numbering scheme is used and as neither "0" nor "1" is used for the first digit of a number, it will be seen that the numbering in the new exchange will commence at 2,000. In addition, all the numbers of the private branch exchanges must be in consecutive combinations, and it will therefore be necessary to change most of the subscribers telephone numbers. It is intended to carry this out at an early date so that subscribers will have become familiar with the alterations by the time the system is changed.

Office Switchboards To Remain.

The transfer to automatic working will not affect subscribers' switchboards.

The company will continue its present policy of supplying and fitting all apparatus connected to the public telephone system on the rental basis only. While there will be many subscribers who will miss the familiar "Number please," there are many disadvantages attached to the human element of telephone work, and whether on week-days or public holidays, day or night, the automatic switching apparatus consistently responds to the dial. The telephone company will shortly give a demonstration of the automatic system by means of a working model, and when this has been set up, subscribers will be invited to inspect it.

DANCE GIRL "QUEEN" OF CAMBODIA.

SHINGLE THAT MADE THE COURT TREMBLE.

PARIS.

A picturesque story of how a young Siamese dancing girl named Nang Sao Baen has won the heart of the new King of Cambodia and precedence over wives Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, has reached here from Bangkok.

Nang Sao Baen is now hailed as the uncrowned queen of the country.

She has not only gained control of the royal household, but seems to have a gift for practical politics as well. She orders the king's ministers what to do and what not to do, and does not allow the king to take liberties with the royal ballet.

The only cloud that threatened the romance was due to her shingle, of which she was inordinately proud. She had copied it from a French fashion magazine. When the king informed her that she must sacrifice her shingle she revolted, and the court trembled.

An unexpected event, however, enabled her to yield gracefully. The funeral ceremonies of the old king Sisowath demanded that all the ladies of the court should have their heads shaved as a sign of mourning.

Nang Sao Baen shaved, and cloud and shingle disappeared.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

MESSRS. BENJAMIN & POTTS' REVIEW.

TRANSACTIONS ON A MODERATE SCALE.

Messrs. Benjamin & Potts, in their weekly review of the local share market dated yesterday, state:

Although buyers of most stocks prevail, the local market has not shewn much animation during the period under review, and transactions have only been on a moderate scale. Prices, on the whole, have kept very steady, while in the case of investment shares it has been distinctly firm.

Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks show some improvement over last week's closing quotation with sales made up to $1,305, but closed easier owing to the London quotation having dropped to £130.10.0 (Middle). Unions were favoured again and advanced to a buying rate of $342. Underwriters have enquires at $2.50. Cantons continue in request at $680. Hong Kong Fires have buyers at $770.

Indo-Chinas (Deferred) have strengthened and are in demand at $78, and probably a little more would be paid. Kowloon Wharves were negotiated at $136. Hong Kong and Whampoa Docks are enquired for at $44 after sales at this rate. China Providents at $8.20 make a further rise. Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels were taken off the market at $9. Hong Kong Lands have stiffened and were placed up to $87½.

Hong Kong Trams have recovered and transactions were effected at rates up to $25.70. Star Ferries came to business at $64/64½. China Lights (Old) have fallen away to $13.50 and the new shares to $13.35. Hong Kong Electrics are a shade firmer and were dealt in to a fair extent at $71.

Peak Trams (Old) at $13½ mark a rise. Telephones are the turn higher at $4.70. Green Island Cements have declined to a buying quotation of $10 at which rate sellers are unwilling to part. China Sugars are wanted at $6.10.

Watsons were negotiated at $14 and more can be placed at this figure. Dairy Farms were booked at $22½ to $22.90, but they are obtainable at the close at the latter figure.

Ewos are in demand at Tls. 8.30, and sales have been made at Tls. 8.35. Orientals were done at Tls. 2. Hongkew Wharves have moved upwards to Tls. 166.

INDO-CHINA S.N. CO.

RISE IN DEFERRED SHARES.

HOME COMMENT.

Noting the rise in the £5 Deferred shares of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. from 4½ to 6, the writer of City Notes in the *Evening Standard* says:—The accounts, which are made up to December 31st, are not usually ready until July, but some idea as to how the undertaking has fared as regards earnings in 1927 seems to be in evidence, while there are also vague reports that the company may be taken over. In any event the buying has been of a good character. No dividend has been paid on the Deferred shares since 1921, when 30 per cent. was distributed after drawing on the dividend equalisation fund, and since then the carrying forward of a debit balance has only been avoided by transfers from the contingency fund and other reserves. Last year £165,000 was taken from contingency account, however, still stands at £371,914 and the general reserve at £135,000 compared with the issued capital of £495,890. Earnings during 1926 were seriously affected by the boycott in China, which was not raised until October of that year, and from the military operations. Since then conditions have materially improved, and the 1927 figures should reflect the better state of affairs.

Indo-China Deferred are now in demand in Hong Kong at $78.

RUBBER DIVIDENDS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised of the following dividends on rubber shares:—

Bassett: 2½ per cent.
Connemara: 5 per cent. final.
Kuala Sidim: 5 per cent. final.

WIDOW AND "THIRD DEGREE."

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SCOTLAND YARD.

The Home Secretary stated in the House of Commons that he was making an inquiry into alleged third degree methods by Scotland Yard detectives in the case of the widow of Harry Pace, in the Forest of Dean.

Mr. W. Thorne suggested in a question that this woman was interrogated by detectives for thirteen hours, and left Coleford Police Station in a state of collapse.

H.M.S. "BERWICK" ARRIVES.

TO RELIEVE H.M.S. "DURBAN."

The second of the new "County" class Cruisers to arrive in Hong Kong was H.M.S. *Berwick*, which made fast to No. 6 Buoy yesterday afternoon. She is to be attached to the China Station and will relieve H.M.S. *Durban* which is leaving the China Station early next month for the West Indies Station. H.M.S. *Durban* will go to the latter station *vid* the Panama Canal.

H.M.S. *Berwick* is commanded by Captain R. S. Wykes-Snevd, D.S.O., R.N., and is a sister ship of the *Cumberland* which was the first of its class to arrive. The *Berwick* like her sister ship gives at once the sense of speed and powerful fighting capacity. The arrival of these new cruisers has aroused no little interest and may be compared to the long ago visit of H.M.S. *Powerful* which in her time was, with her sistership the *Terrible* the largest cruiser afloat.

Later H.M.S. *Kent* will relieve H.M.S. *Hawkins* as flagship of the China Station. The mention of H.M.S. *Kent* brings to memory the old *Kent* which after her fine performance at the Falkland Islands battle became flagship of the China station finally being broken up at Kowloon City.

NAVAL AND MILITARY NEWS.

CHANGES IN CHINA STATION WARSHIPS.

H.M.S. *Castor*, of the Nore Reserve, has been ordered to be prepared for service on the China Station, in place of the *Curlew*, Captain H. C. Allen, at present at Hankow. The *Castor* made a cruise to China last autumn with reliefs, and was reduced to the Reserve on February 8th, under the command of Commander C. H. Knowles, D.S.O. Her selection for duty in China shows that it is the intention to keep a cruiser of the "C" class there after the vessels of the Fifth Cruiser Squadron have been relieved by new cruisers of the *Kent* class. The *Curlew* is detached from the Third Cruiser Squadron, Mediterranean. These smaller cruisers might with advantage be employed on inland waters which could not be reached by the heavier ships of the "County" class. The *Castor* has a draught of 13½ ft., as compared with the 16½ ft. of the *Kent*.

The *Berwick*, which arrived at Hong Kong to-day, will relieve the *Durban*; and the *Suffolk*, which is to be completed at Portsmouth in mid-April, will replace the *Carlisle*. The *Durban*, Captain G. L. Coleridge, will proceed to Bermuda on relief, to join the Eighth Cruiser Squadron, America and West Indies Station. The *Carlisle*, Captain G. W. Hallifax, will return home for a large refit, for which the sum of £62,046 is allocated in the new Navy Estimates. The *Carlisle* was first commissioned on November 7th, 1918, and has spent over eight years on the China Station.

The recall of six of the twelve submarines of the L class on the China Station is not intended to cause a permanent reduction of the Fourth Submarine Flotilla. Later on, this force will be made up to its normal strength, probably by new vessels of the O Class.

The retirement is gazetted, at his own request, of Paymaster Captain A. P. Hughes, with the rank of Paymaster Rear-Admiral. This officer, as Assistant-Paymaster of the cruiser *Aurora*, saw active service in China during the Boxer War, being awarded the China medal with clasp for the relief of Peking.

STUDY OF TWINS LIVING APART.

INFLUENCE OF HOME LIFE INVESTIGATED.

Two nineteen-year-old London girl twins, who are now living in Oshawa, Ontario, are being hailed as great discoveries by scientists of the University of Chicago, who have been conducting a world-wide search for twins who have been reared apart from one another, in order to study the effect of environment on the general characteristics of human beings.

The twins are named respectively Olive Redman and Alice Pye, the fact that their surnames are not the same being due to the fact that they have been reared by different foster-parents and, incidentally, in different countries.

Dr. Bertha Mitchell, of Chicago University, has paid a special visit to the Canadian home of the twins, making comparisons between them and preparing a report for submission to Dr. H. H. Newman, head of the zoology department of the university, which is making the investigation.

CHURCH NOTICES.

UNION CHURCH
(KENNEDY ROAD).

SUNDAY SERVICES, April 22nd:—
Sunday School at 9.45 a.m.
Morning at 10.30 a.m.:—General Service and K.O.S.B. Parade.
Hymns:—36, 235, 490 and 440.
Preacher:—Rev. F. P. W. Alexander, C.F.
Evening Service at 6 p.m.:—
Hymns:—111, 183, 601 and 670.
Preacher:—Rev. J. Kirk Macconachie.
WEDNESDAY, April 25th, at 8.15:—Soldiers' and Sailors' Christian Association.
FRIDAY, April 27th, at 5.30:—Minister's Bible Class. [95

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.
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MACDONNELL ROAD, BELOW BOWEN ROAD TRAM STATION.
SUNDAY SERVICE, April 22nd, 1928, at 11.15 a.m.:—
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The Public is cordially invited to attend the services and visit the Reading Room. [67

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
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having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 24th April, 1928, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

All Claims must reach us before the 9th May, 1928, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

JEBSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 18th Apr., 1928. [6133

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, April 20th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.92	29.83	29.78
Temperature	69	69	71
Humidity	95	94	95
Wind—			
Direction	E	East	East
Force	3	3	2
Weather	OR	OD	OD
Rain	0.89	0.40	1.09

Highest open-air Temperature, 19th: 70
Lowest open-air Temperature, 20th: 69

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 21st to 27th, 1928.

Days of Week	Date of Month	High Water: Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Low Water: Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Sat.	21	m 9 36	6 9	m 3 44	2 1
		10 52 a	5 8	4 25 a	0 8
Sun.	22	m 10 11	7 2	m 4 14	2 6
		11 33 a	5 3	5 14 a	0 7
Mon.	23	m 10 49	7 3	m 4 42	3 0
				6 6 a	0 7
Tues.	24	m 1 6	4 7	m 5 7	3 4
		m 11 31	7 3	7 4 a	1 0
Wed.	25	m 2 42	4 2	m 5 29	3 8
		0 18 a	7 0	8 21 a	1 2
Thur.	26	m 4 36	4 1	m 5 48	4 1
		1 14 a	6 6	9 51 a	1 4
Fri.	27	No infor.	high	10 low	wat.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s STEAMER "JEYPORE."

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON 20TH APRIL, 1928.

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Goods not cleared within 8 days including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's surveyors Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 10th May, 1928, or they will not be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.
Hong Kong, 20th Apr., 1928. [6158

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s STEAMER "KIDDERPORE."

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON 20TH APRIL, 1928.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

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Goods not cleared within 8 days including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 10th May, 1928, or they will not be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.
Hong Kong, 20th Apr., 1928. [6159

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th April, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 10th May, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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20th April, 1928. [6161

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CHINA NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

Amoy, Shanghai & Tsingtao	"SHANTUNG"	On 21st	Apr.,	6 p.m.
Amoy, Swatow & Singapore	"ANKING"	... On 22nd	Apr.,	9 a.m.
Iloilo ...	"SHANSI"	... On 22nd	Apr.,	10 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok ...	"KALGAN"	... On 22nd	Apr.,	Noon
Swatow, Shanghai, Newchwang & Dalny ...	"KANCHOW"	... On 22nd	Apr.,	3 p.m.
Amoy, Shanghai & Tsingtao	"SOOCHOW"	On 23rd	Apr.,	6 p.m.
Hongay ...	"TAIKOOWANYI"	On 24th	Apr.,	10 a.m.
Shanghai ...	"ICHANG"	... On 24th	Apr.,	4 p.m.
Swatow & Shanghai ...	"CHENAN"	... On 26th	Apr.,	Noon
Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	"TEAN"	... On 27th	Apr.,	Noon
Shanghai & Tsingtao ...	"SINKIANG"	... On 28th	Apr.,	6 a.m.
Weihaiwei, Chefoo & Tientsin ...	"HUICHOW"	... On 29th	Apr.,	6 a.m.
Amoy, Swatow & Singapore	"ANTUNG"	... On 29th	Apr.,	9 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok ...	"KWANGCHOW"	On 29th	Apr.,	Noon
Swatow, Shanghai, Newchwang & Dalny ...	"YINGCHOW"	On 29th	Apr.,	Noon
Amoy, Shanghai & Tsingtao	"SZECHUEN"	On 30th	Apr.,	6 p.m.
Swatow & Shanghai ...	"TAMING"	... On 2nd	May,	Noon
Swatow & Bangkok ...	"KIANGSU"	... On 6th	May,	Noon
Amoy, Swatow, Singapore & Bangkok ...	"KWEIYANG"	On 7th	May,	6 a.m.

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Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

April 19th.

Englee, Chinese str., 865 tons, Capt. H. Maki, from Dairen and Newchwang, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C42.—Yue Tai Hong.

Proteus, Norwegian str., 1,687 tons, Capt. Oakland, from New Castle, which port she left on March 22nd, with 1,877 tons of coal, lying at Yaumati Bay.—Karsten Larssen & Co.

April 20th.

Havdrot, Norwegian str., 713 tons, Capt. G. E. Henriksen, from Canton, with beans and iron drums, lying at buoy No. C43.—Karsten Larssen & Co.

Jeypore, British str., 3,209 tons, Capt. P. O. Britten, from Rotterdam and Singapore. The latter port she left on April 15th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Kidderpore, British str., 3,263 tons, Capt. F. D. Pigot, from Singapore, which port she left on April 14th, with cotton and general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—P. & O.

Kwang Foh, Chinese str., 1,418 tons, Capt. F. Semmelmann, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B48.—Sing Kee Co.

Orestes, British str., 7,784 tons, Capt. Geo. H. Flynn, from Singapore, which port she left on April 14th, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

Pheumpenh, British str., 1,035 tons, Capt. A. W. Hall, from Saigon, which port she left on April 14th, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A10.—Wo Fat Shing.

Raymond Poincare, French str., 1,197 tons, Capt. M. Lorec, from Port Redon and Pakhoi, with pigs, coal and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C45.—Yik Cheong & Co.

Shantung, British str., 1,568 tons, Capt. W. T. Hodge, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

Suwa Maru, Japanese str., 6,637 tons, Capt. M. Gotoh, from Yokohama and Shanghai. The latter port she left on April 17th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A3.—N.Y.K.

Tsushima Maru, Japanese str., 4,195 tons, Capt. Z. Hirai, from Singapore, which port she left on April 12th, with 263 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Waishing, British str., 1,169 tons, Capt. J. W Pettigrew, from ton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B32.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

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April 20th.

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Englee, for Whampoa.
Hai Ching, for Swatow.
Havdrot, for Newchwang.
Hsin Foo Sing, for Saigon.
Jeypore, for Shanghai.
Kidderpore, for Shanghai.
Kuetchow, for Chefoo.
Menado Maru, for Hoihow.
Orestes, for Shanghai.
Raymond Poincare, for Canton.
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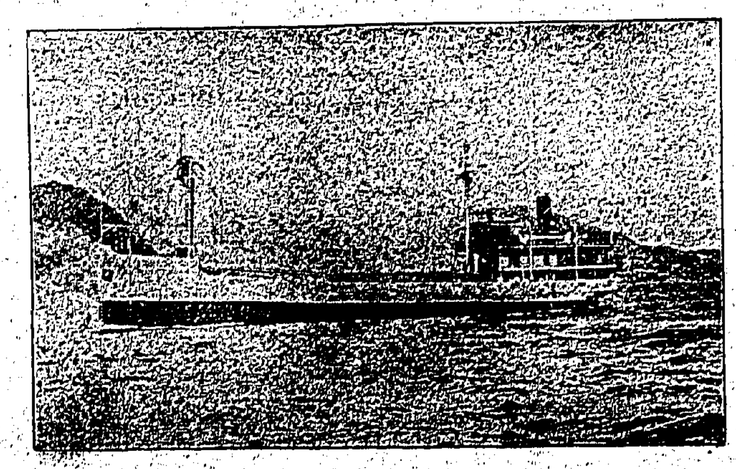
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	"FOOSHING"	Sun., 29th Apr., at Noon
	"YATSHING"	Wed., 2nd May, at Noon
OSAKA via AMOY, MOJI & KOBE ...	"FOOKSANG"	Fri., 27th Apr., at 7 a.m.
	"YUENSANG"	Tues., 1st May, at 7 a.m.
CANTON ...	"HANGSANG"	Sun., 22nd Apr., at 6 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA...	"NAMSANG"	Satur., 21st Apr., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN ...	"HINSANG"	Satur., 28th Apr., at 4 p.m.
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EMPRESS OF CANADA	...June 13	June 16	June 19	June 21	June 30
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	...July 4	July 7	July 10	July 12	July 21
EMPRESS OF ASIA	...July 18	July 21	July 24	July 26	Aug. 4
EMPRESS OF CANADA	...Aug. 8	Aug. 11	Aug. 14	Aug. 16	Aug. 25
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	...Aug. 29	Sept. 1	Sept. 4	Sept. 6	Sept. 15
EMPRESS OF ASIA	...Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 18	Sept. 20	Sept. 29
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M.S. "Afrika"	...	—	15th May
M.S. "Malaya"	...	27th April	31st May
M.S. "Siam"	...	15th June	21st July
M.S. "Danmark"	...	16th July	21st August

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOW CARGO RETURNS.

TWENTY-SEVEN DEPARTURES.

The Colony's imports during the past few days have been below average. The cargo returns shown by fifteen arrivals during the period ending at 9 a.m. yesterday were again low. There were twenty-seven departures and the cargoes carried through for ports beyond were normal.

Local imports totalled only 6,017 tons, of which three British vessels contributed 1,879 tons. The s.s. *Malacca Maru* was best carrier with 1,397 tons, from Lagaya and Moji.

Through freights, however, showed a higher return with 15,719 tons, and four British steamers carried 4,244 tons. The s.s. *Malacca Maru* was again best carrier with 4,893 tons. The s.s. *Jeypore* (British) had 3,207 tons from Rotterdam and Singapore.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	6	7
Japanese	2	7
Norwegian	2	1
Chinese	4	9
Danish	0	1
French	2	1
German	0	1
Total	15	27

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.

President Jackson, April 23rd.

Australian-Oriental Line.

Taiping, May 11th.
Chanyte, June 8th.

Bank Line.

City of Burmingham, May 4th.
City of Eastbourne, May 11th.
City of New Castle, May 12th.
City of Chester, May 27th.
City of Tokio, June 9th.
City of Cardiff, June 22nd.
City of Pekin, July 7th.
City of Bedford, June 22nd.

Ben Line.

Benreoch, April 25th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Oreses, to-day.
Knight Companion, to-morrow.
Diomed, April 27th.
Calchas, May 1st.
Talthybius, May 1st.
Machaon, May 2nd.
Antenor, May 3rd.
Merione, May 8th.
Adrastus, May 14th.
Patroclus, May 16th.
Helenus, May 22nd.
Teucer, May 22nd.
Perseus, May 25th.
Menelaus, May 29th.
Pyrrhus, May 30th.
Hector, May 31st.
Rhexenor, June 8th.
Mentor, June 10th.
Tyndareus, June 10th.
Dardanus, June 12th.
Oanfa, June 20th.
Antilochus, June 25th.
Atreus, June 27th.
Aeneas, July 2nd.
Proteslaus, July 3rd.
Theseus, July 25th.
Elpenor, August 22nd.

British-India and Apcar Line.

Hatipara, to-morrow.
Takada, to-morrow.
Talamba, April 30th.
Talma, May 1st.
Takliwa, May 5th.
Santhia, May 20th.
Tilawa, May 31st.

Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of Russia, April 28th.

Dodwell & Co.

Remo, April 26th.
Kendal Castle, May 7th.

Dollar Steamship Line.

President Harrison, to-day.
President Taft, April 23rd.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.

Malaya, April 27th.
Siam, June 15th.
Danmark, July 16th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

Arafura, May 2nd.
Tanda, May 7th.
St. Albans, June 4th.

Glen Line.

Carnavonshire, April 29th.
Glenbeg, May 13th.
Pembrokeshire, May 28th.
Glenifer, June 8th.
Glenshane, June 25th.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie and Hugo Stinnes Linien.

Ermland, May 2nd.
Vogtland, May 16th.
Albert Voegler, June 9th.
Rhein, June 27th.
Oldenburg, July 8th.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Tjiliwong, April 23rd.
Tjitaroem, April 23rd.
Tjisaroea, April 26th.
Tjikarang, April 30th.
Tjibodas, May 7th.
Tjiliboet, May 7th.

Messageries Maritimes.

Capt. Faure, April 23rd.
Athos II, April 24th.
D'Artagnan, May 9th.
General Metzinger, May 23rd.
Sphinx, June 8th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Aki Maru, April 24th.
Seiyo Maru, April 26th.
Shinyo Maru, April 26th.
Lisbon Maru, April 27th.
Bingo Maru, April 29th.
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Wakasa Maru, June 8th.
Dakar Maru, June 10th.
Kitano Maru, June 15th.
Tango Maru, June 19th.
Kamakura Maru, July 25th.

Peninsular and Oriental.

Nagpore, to-day.
Malwa, April 26th.
Morea, April 28th.
Alipore, May 2nd.
Lahore, May 7th.
Novara, May 9th.
Delta, May 10th.
Ranpura, May 24th.
Nankin, June 4th.
Khyber, June 7th.
Rawalpindi, June 21st.
Nellore, July 2nd.
Kashmir, July 5th.
Rajputana, July 19th.
Kalyan, August 2nd.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

Marine Court.

To Yau Tai, mistress of a passenger boat appeared before Comdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., at the Marine Court yesterday on a summons for committing a breach of her licence by carrying cargo, namely coal baskets on her passenger boat, when her licence only permitted passenger luggage. The defendant pleaded guilty and a fine of $5 with the alternative of five days' hard labour was imposed.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Asiatic deck passengers arriving in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday numbered 136. They were carried by four vessels.

Two Deaths.

The master of the s.s. *Anking* arriving from Singapore and Amoy reports that two deaths occured during the voyage. Both were male passengers. The causes of death were consumption and heart failure.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships and auxiliaries were in port yesterday:—

North Wall Basin, *Verity, Wishart;* South Wall Basin, *Bruce, Faulknor, Somme;* East Wall Basin, *Moth, Nessus, L.3, L.27, Cicala;* North Arm, *Titania, Marazion, Belgol;* West Wall Dock, *Durban, Petersfield, Wild Swan;* In Dock, S/Ms. *L.15, L.19, L.20, L.33;* No. 6 Buoy, *Berwick* (on arrival); No. 8 Buoy, *Wolverine, Veteran;* No. 9 Buoy, *Foxglove;* No. 11 Buoy, *Witherington;* No. 12 Buoy, *Iroquois;* No. 13 Buoy, *Wanderer;* No. 18 Buoy, *Ruthenia;* No. 25 Buoy, *Kharki;* Kowloon Anchorage, *Fortol, Francol.*

Foreign Men of War:—Portuguese, *Patria;* French, *Vigilante.*

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The s.s. *Takada* (B.I. and Apcar) will leave Amoy for Hong Kong this (Saturday) afternoon, and is due here to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

	Sunrise.	Sunset.
To-day	5.59 a.m.	6.46 p.m.
To-morrow	5.58 ,,	6.46 ,,
Monday	5.57 ,,	6.47 ,,

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.

Alster, April 24th.
Trave, May 12th.

Prince Line.

Javanese Prince, May 8th.
Japanese Prince, June 5th.

Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.

Formosa, April 30th.
Nanking, May 25th.

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Steamship	Tons.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination.
* "NAGPORE"	5,283	24th April	Mars.L'don.A'werp.R'dam.H'burg
"MOREA"	10,933	28th April	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
* "LAHORE"	5,352	7th May	Mars.L'don.A'werp.R'dam.H'burg
"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, L'don, Antwerp & Hull
*"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	22nd May	Straits, Colombo, B'bay, & Karachi
"MALWA"	10,986	28th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
* "ALIPORE"	5,273	31st May	Straits, Colombo and Bombay.
* "JEYPORE"	5,318	2nd June	Mars.L'don.A'werp.R'dam.H'burg
"DELTA"	8,097	9th June	Marseilles, L'don. and Antwerp.
* "MIRZAPORE"	6,715	19th June	Straits & Bombay.
"RANPURA"	16,601	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
* "NOVARA"	6,989	30th June	Mars.L'don.A'werp.R'dam.H'burg
"KHYBER"	9,114	7th July	Marseilles, L'don., Antwerp & Hull.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	21st July	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
* "NANKIN"	7,058	28th July	Mars.L'don.A'werp B'dam.H'burg
"KASHMIR"	8,985	4th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	18th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"NALDERA"	16,088	1st Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"KALYAN"	9,144	15th Sept.	Marseilles, L'don. and Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	9,005	29th Sept.	Marseilles and London.
"MOREA"	10,933	13th Oct.	do.
"KARMALA"	9,128	27th Oct.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	10th Nov.	do.
"KHYBER"	9,114	24th Nov.	do.
"MALWA"	10,948	8th Dec.	do.
"NALDERA"	16,088	22nd Dec.	do.

* Cargo only.

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BRITISH INDIA—APCAR SAILINGS

"TAKADA"	6,949	23rd Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALAMBA"	8,018	3rd May	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	26th May	do.

B.I.—Apcar line steamers have excellent accommodation for 1st and 2nd class passengers. All steamers are fitted with wireless and carry a qualified surgeon.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

* "ARAFURA"	6,000	4th May	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"TANDA"	6,956	1st June	
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	29th June	
"ARAFURA"	6,000	3rd Aug.	
"TANDA"	6,956	31st Aug.	

* Calls at Port Holland.

Regular Monthly Sailings from Hong Kong to Japan & Hong Kong to Australia
The E. & A. S.S. Co., Ltd., steamers will also call at Shanghai, Iloilo, Cebu Kolambugan, Tawao, Timor, Darwin, or other ports en route as inducement offers.

Frequent connections from Australia with the following:—
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The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

*"HATIPARA"	7,764	25th April	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"MALWA"	10,986	27th April	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*"ALIPORE"	5,273	1st May	Moji & Kobe.
"TALMA"	10,000	3rd May	Amoy, S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"TAKLIWA"	7,938	7th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
"TANDA"	6,956	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
*"NOVARA"	6,989	8th May	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"DELTA"	8,097	11th May	do.
*"DEVANHA"	8,155	11th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Osaka.
"SANTHIA"	7,754	22nd May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*"MIRZAPORE"	6,715	24th May	S'hai., Moji & Kobe.
"RANPURA"	16,601	25th May	S'hai., Kobe & Yokohama.
"TILAWA"	10,006	2nd June	Amoy, S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*"NANKIN"	7,058	5th June	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th June	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"TAKADA"	6,949	7th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KHYBER"	9,114	8th June	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	17th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	22nd June	S'hai., Kobe & Yokohama.
*"NELLORE"	9,853	3rd July	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	6th July	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	10th July	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	20th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,144	3rd Aug.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,956	7th Aug.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"NALDERA"	16,088	17th Aug.	Shanghai.
*KASHGAR"	9,005	31st Aug.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Sept.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokahama.
"MOREA"	10,953	14th Sept.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KARMALA"	9,128	28th Sept.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	9th Oct.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	13th Oct.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KHYBER"	9,114	27th Oct.	do.
"TANDA"	6,956	6th Nov.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokahama.
"MALWA"	10,986	10th Nov.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NALDERA"	16,088	24th Nov.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MANTUA"	10,946	8th Dec.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,144	22nd Dec.	do.

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All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Straits	*Baron Hoig*	21st Apr.
Shanghai	*Suiyang*	21st Apr.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	*Pres. Harrison*	21st Apr.
Europe via Negapatam (papers only) London, 22nd March	*Hatipara*	22nd Apr.
Amoy	*Takada*	22nd Apr.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	*Pres. Taft*	23rd Apr.
Manila	*Pres. Jackson*	23rd Apr.
Saigon	*Capitaine Faure*	23rd Apr.
Shanghai	*Taming*	24th Apr.
Japan	*Aki Maru*	26th Apr.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	*Emp. of Russia*	26th Apr.
Australia and Manila	*Tanda*	7th May

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
		Saturday, 21st. *G.P.O.*
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th May	*Suwa Maru*	Reg. 8.45 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M.
Fort Bayard		*Kowloon P.O.* Letters 9.00 A.M.
Straits and Calcutta	*Wing Wo*	Parcels Noon Letters 1.00 P.M.
Haiphong	*Namsang*	12.30 P.M.
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia	*Tonkin*	3.30 P.M.
Amoy	*Crestes*	4.00 P.M.
Manila	*Shansang*	5.00 P.M.
Amoy	*Pres Harrison*	5.00 P.M.
Kiungchow and Haiphong	*Anking*	5.00 P.M.
Japan	*New Mathilde*	5.00 P.M.
	Las Vegas	
		Sunday, 22nd.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Hosan Maru*	9.00 A.M.
Bangkok via Swatow	*Kalgan*	9.00 A.M.
		Monday, 23rd
Bangkok via Swatow	*Binlong*	10.30 A.M.
Manila, Sandakan and Rabaul	*Calulu*	2.30 P.M.
Swatow	*Hydrangea*	2.30 P.M.
Amoy	*Soochow*	4.30 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., C. & S. America, Canada, & *EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 17th May, & Europe via Siberia	*Pres. Jackson*	Parcels 5.00 P.M. Reg. 24h. 9.45 A.M. Letters 10.30 A.M.
		Tuesday, 24th. *Kowloon P.O*
Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & *EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 26th May	*Andre Lebon*	Reg. 1.00 P.M. Letters 1.00 P.M. *G.P.O.* Reg. 1.45 P.M. Letters 2.30 P.M.
Shanghai	*Ichang*	2.00 P.M.
Swatow Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Ning*	3.00 P.M.
		Wednesday, 25th.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 7th May	*Aki Maru*	Reg. 8.45 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M.
Swatow	*Hangsang*	10.30 A.M.
		Thursday, 26th, 10.30 A.M.
Swatow	*Chenan*	5.00 P.M.
Amoy	*Fook Sang*	
		Friday, 27th. 10.30 A.M.
Kiungchow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	*Tsan*	3.30 P.M.
Manila	*Emp. of Russia*	5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	*Sinkiang*	*Kowloon P.O.* Parcels 4.30 P.M. Reg. 28th, 9.00 A.M. Letters 10.00 A.M. *G.P.O.* Par., 27th, 5.00 P.M. Reg. 28th, 9.45 A.M. Letters 10.30 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 25th May	*Morea*	

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.



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"CALCHAS" 1st May, Casablanca, Mars., L'don., B'dam. & H'burg.
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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in LOCAL CURRENCY and STERLING on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hong Kong, 3rd April, 1928. [26

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For the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 13th Sept., 1927. [2

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O. STEENSTRA,
Manger.
Hong Kong, 30th July, 1927. [34

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H. MORI, Manager.
ong Kong 12th March, 1928. [25

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	TONGKAH (Bhutan)	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 16th Mar., 1928. [30

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A. ROLLIN,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 19th April, 1928.

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Paid-up Capital£1,050,000
Reserve Fund and Rest..... ...£1,584,846

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Howrah		

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C. L. C. SANDES, Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central.
Hong Kong, 20th April, 1928. [29

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ON LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	2/0½
Bank Bills, on demand	2/0 3/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	—
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	2/0⅜
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2/1⅛
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2/1⅛
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1.24⅞
Credits, 4 months' sight	1.32½
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	49½
Credits, at 60 days' sight	50¼
ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer / Bank Bills, on demand	134½
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer / Bank Bills, on demand	134½
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank Bills, at sight	78 7/16
Private, 30 days' sight	—
ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand	102½
ON MANILA.—On demand	99
ON SINGAPORE.—On demand	87
ON BATAVIA.—On demand	121½
ON HAIPHONG.—On demand	—
ON SAIGON.—On demand	nom.
ON BANGKOK.—On demand	92½
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying rate	$9.60
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	—
BAR SILVER, per oz.	26 7/16

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